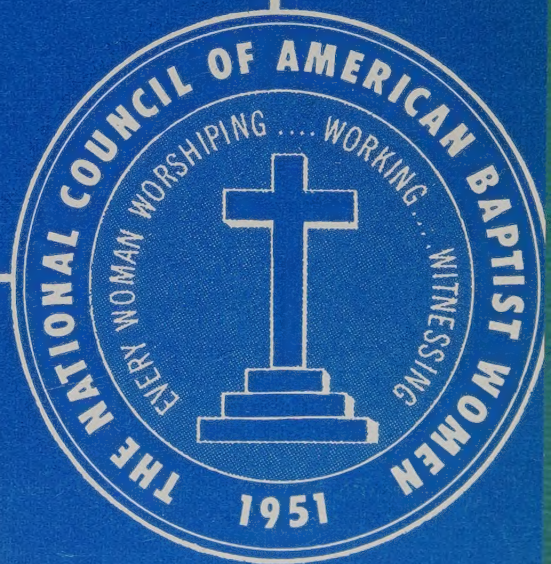


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The Tenth Anniversary

By VIOLET E. RUDD, *Administrative Secretary*

The tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be observed at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Oregon, on June 14, 1961. We hope that you can be there to help us reminisce and to look forward to the next decade of working together, serving God through the world mission of the church.

During the 1940's the women of the American Baptist Convention faced the need for change in the plan and the program of their societies to challenge the interest of every woman member of the church. Women gathered in groups across our country and discussed how women could best do the work of the church. Group after group discovered a need for an organization for women that would:

1. Have a similar organization from the local society to the association, the state, and the national.
2. Have national officers elected by the women to carry on the work and to make plans and to develop the program for women.
3. Train women to carry greater responsibilities.
4. Include every woman member of an American Baptist church in its membership.

This organization was brought into being by the women of the American Baptist Convention at the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York, June 11, 1951.

Similar Organization

During these first ten years many adjustments have been made in the organization of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society—local, association, and state—in order that each organization would be similar to the pattern of the National Council of American Baptist Women. State organizations made these adjustments quickly since the presidents had been closely related to the forming of the new national organization. The associations and the local societies, however, took somewhat longer. In many churches it meant uniting a number of women's groups into one organization that would meet the need of all the women in the church. With an organization similar to the National Council of American Baptist Women a channel has been opened for the flow of suggestions and information from the local society to the National Council of American Baptist Women and from the National Council to the local society.

National Officers Elected

National officers and chairmen were first elected in 1951 to carry on the work, to plan and to develop a program. During the past ten years one hundred and twenty-seven women from thirty-four states have served on the board of managers, bringing to the planning sessions the needs and hopes of the women in rural and city areas and in small and large churches in their states.

Since the tenure of office of a board member is limited to a total of eight years of service, this gives opportunity to a greater number of women to help in the planning of the program for women in the work of the church.

Included in the responsibilities of the national leaders has been the preparation of constitutions, leaders' guides, and other materials when needed to help their counterparts. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN was created as a medium through which the officers and chairmen could have direct communication with local, association, and state leaders.

Training Program

Again and again it was said that there were many American Baptist women who would serve in the local society, the association or the state, if they had the opportunity and were given training to do the work.

Training programs during these ten years have afforded help in the organization of the Woman's Society and in the development of leadership.

The National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, since its inception in 1954, has made it possible for many women to gain further inspiration and information to help in carrying on their tasks more effectively.

Every Woman a Member

It has been evident since the Charter Membership program in 1953-1954 when women were given the opportunity to enroll as charter members of the National Council of American Baptist Women—and 62,337 names were entered in the Charter Membership Book—that an increasing number of women have felt they belonged to, and had a real share in the work of the Woman's Society in the church, the association, the state, and the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Since more women are entering gainful employment, the program continues to change in order to meet the need of every woman who is a member of the church. We continue to welcome newness in form or method whenever it promises to carry the society and the church forward in its great world mission.

To the Presidents

From: HELEN STUBER (Mrs. Stanley I. Stuber)
National President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 7920 Tomahawk Road, Kansas City 15, Missouri



Emphases for 1961-1962

For the Presidents, there are five emphases. Let us:

1. Develop more nearly into the persons God desires us to be, through closer fellowship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

For each of us this will mean considerable time spent in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation; and also gladly and readily doing those things which we believe to be His will.

2. Continue to keep informed on denominational matters, as well as on conditions in our communities and on world affairs that we may express an informed Christian attitude at all times.

3. Take responsibility for developing leadership within our societies.

The strength of our denomination is in its lay leadership. Women, as well as men, must be trained to accept responsibility in the life of the church.

4. Co-operate in the third-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

This five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance program can mean much if we participate in it wholeheartedly. The third-year emphasis, "Mission to the Community," can be especially meaningful as we attempt to witness wherever we are.

5. Provide for division meetings at the time of board meetings and arrange for divisions to report to the board of managers.

Division meetings provide for wider participation and keep each member of the division informed regarding all areas of the work.

Additional Emphases?

What additional emphases will you set for yourselves? Surely you will want to have others. It is taken for granted that all are familiar with, and are following, the president's page of the *Leader's Guide* which is on file in the president's workbook.

Dreaming?

Are you dreaming about what you would like to see accomplished in our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies during the next ten years? If so, you now have an opportunity to express yourselves, and, I assure you, your opinions will be carefully considered.

The Tenth Anniversary Survey Committee, which was appointed to study our organization and program, has prepared a questionnaire which has been sent to

every Woman's Baptist Mission Society. It is important that these questionnaires be filled out and returned. We need to have the thinking of our entire membership. If you have not already returned your questionnaire, please do so. They are due on April 21, 1961.

The age in which we live is one of rapidly changing social conditions and this affects the organizational pattern of our churches. Changes have to be made from time to time, but we should always have before us a clear purpose and goals toward which we aspire.

Dreams regarding women's work within American Baptist churches were dreamed ten years and more ago, and those dreams brought the National Council of American Baptist Women into being. Other dreams have been dreamed through the years. Many have been realized. Others remain to be fulfilled. Let us read what the two former presidents of the National Council of American Baptist Women have written:

Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, national president from 1951-1952 to 1954-1955, writes:

"God speaks to those who will listen and obey! When the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, the Lord said, 'Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream' (Numbers 12: 6).

"As the world stood timidly on the edge of 1950, American Baptist women were dreaming dreams, recognizing visions and moving into bold action. No truer words have been spoken than those by the poet, Bailey, 'We dream what is about to happen.'

"Nurtured by the bright flame of missionary zeal which brought women's work into existence at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the women of our denomination began, about 1945, to dream of the world mission of the church. They saw in all areas of life the expanding role of women. These twentieth century pioneers recognized that the whole church and its program are the responsibility of the laity. They envisioned the need of new ways to accomplish great purposes. American Baptist women became pioneers and moved into a breath-taking new age.

"With rare imagination and insight these members of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society made a thorough study of the existing organization throughout the convention churches, associations, state conventions, and the national organizations. They thought, explored, prayed, worked, and dreamed for almost five years and then launched, in 1951, the National Council of American Baptist Women.

"Through this dream child which soon became robust, and vigorous, they dared to believe their dreams could be realized:

1. The total organization of women's work would be simplified.
2. The program of the National Council of American Baptist Women would undergird the total life of the church.
3. The planning of the work, year by year, could be flexible because representative lay women would make all decisions.

4. The major portion of all the work, even in detail, would be carried out by the lay women.

5. It would not be necessary in ten or fifteen or twenty years completely to revamp the women's organization, because changes could be made year by year as they appeared to be necessary.

6. The contact from local groups to national officers and vice versa could be frequent and thereby clarifying.

7. Leadership training, essential to all church work, would become a regular, accepted part of the women's program.

8. All officers would assume responsibility for discovering and training new leaders.

9. Each year would bring new approaches to old and new problems because the organization would not become static and lacking in imagination.

10. Women, in assuming greater responsibilities for their own work, would not only gain status but be able to undertake roles of greater leadership in church, community, and nation.

11. Women would find a closer walk with God through worship, work, and witnessing.

12. Leaders would come to know in all humility, 'I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase' (1 Corinthians 3: 6-7).

"Many other plans and dreams came at this significant time in 1951. However, the above twelve basic goals stand out clearly ten years later. They were woven into all the planning as the founders, looking to the past, formed the National Council of American Baptist Women for today and tomorrow.

"In ten years the dream has taken form but the vision beckons. The present is but the prelude of the future."

Mrs. Howard L. Roach, national president from 1955-1956 to 1958-1959, writes:

"When the National Council of American Baptist Women was being formed, it was my dream that the structure might include so comprehensive a program as to meet the needs of every woman in our American Baptist churches. It was my hope that it might appeal to the church women, giving them assurance about their abilities, proper leadership, and a deepening of their faith.

"That this dream is being realized is indicated in the increased number of active women members in our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies. This means more women are coming to maturity in their faith and service.

"As Baptist women continue to make the most of their God-given abilities by the development of habits of efficiency, a gracious and co-operative spirit, and a display of genuine Christian principles in their work, their influence will be felt in an even greater way in the years ahead. Because they know God's love in Christ they will share it with many."

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

National Council of American Baptist Women

Portland, Oregon

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price, including gratuity, \$2.25

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON..... June 17, 1961, 12:30 o'clock,
price, including gratuity, \$2.50

Secure tickets through your Society's President or mail your order with check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mrs. J. M. Hammerly, 5033 N.E. 14th Place, Portland 11, Oregon. *Deadline for ordering tickets: May 31, 1961.*

Children under 12 years of age will be taken care of at the auditorium on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961. Please register your child, giving name, age, and grade at school, when ordering tickets for your Division luncheon. Take a box lunch for each child. Milk will be provided.

Dates to Remember

→ **June 14, 1961**—The tenth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, Portland, Oregon, in the Memorial Coliseum! Morning session: 9:30 to 11:30; division luncheons, 12:00-1:30; afternoon session, 2:00-4:00. Theme: "You Are Witnesses—Where You Are." Address by Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge!

→ **July 8-15, 1961**—National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Theme: "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" Plan to send a large delegation from *your* state. The chairmen of Christian Social Relations and the vice-presidents of Christian Service are urged especially to be present. Be sure that all members of your society study the National Women's Conference program folder sent to each local vice-president of Christian Training through the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

→ **May 5, 1961**, May Fellowship Day. Theme: "The Churches: Free and Responsible."

→ **October 9-12, 1961**: The Assembly of United Church Women, Miami, Florida.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience the titles of books on Personal Enrichment, listed in the new edition of "Literature Highlights" are printed here with the Key to Ordering.¹ Request your chairman of Literature to show you the copy of "Literature Highlights," which will be sent to her by the state and association chairmen of Literature.

(5)	The Reconciling Gospel	\$1.50
(5)	Meet Mrs. Jones	\$1.00
(5)	Time to Speak Up	\$3.50
(5)	Stewardship for Today's Woman	\$1.75
(5)	Confronting Christ	\$3.00
(18)	The Church Woman, annual subscription	\$1.00
(24)	Christianity and Communism	\$3.50
(5)	One Mark of Greatness	\$1.50
(24)	How to Help Groups Make Decisions ..	\$1.00

Valley Forge Forward Fund

As women we have a responsibility to see that "The Valley Forge Forward Fund" is raised. The raising of this fund was authorized at the American Baptist Convention, in Rochester, June, 1960.

Each church will be asked to participate by taking a special offering both in 1961 and in 1962. A packet of materials is being sent to each pastor.

You can help by contacting the president of the Men's Fellowship of your church and offering to help with the presentation of this project. If there is no organized men's group in your church, talk with your pastor and plan with him regarding the part your church can take in supporting this Valley Forge Forward Fund.

Every one hundred dollars raised through this Valley Forge Forward Fund will be equivalent to two hundred dollars because of the saving in interest.

¹ Key to Ordering:

- (5) American Baptist Bookstores.
- (18) United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.
- (24) Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: VIRGINIA FARMAR (Mrs. William G. Farmar)

National First Vice-President

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 912 Lincoln Drive, Parkersburg, West Virginia



Emphases for 1961-1962

Upon rare occasions we hear that someone has been complimented by the cliché, "She is certainly a born leader." While there are some people who are naturally endowed with qualities for good leadership, it also is a fact that these qualities can be acquired. Indeed in most instances it means toil, preparation, and the practice of self-discipline to become well informed, adequately qualified for a task, and to possess the ability to work with others. And these are some of the qualities which contribute significantly to good leadership.

Keeping in mind the thought that good leadership can be acquired, let us take a look at the six emphases for First Vice-Presidents during the program year 1961-1962:

1. Read and Assimilate

One good book on the subject "leadership" should be read and assimilated each year. A wise philosopher once said, "Knowledge is Power," and rightly so. It gives us strength and confidence to work for and with people. This means that First Vice-Presidents must read and assimilate! Begin with the *Leader's Guide* for the Division of First Vice-Presidents, printed in the spring, 1958, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. The division leaflet printed in 1959 will also provide valuable information. It is important that First Vice-Presidents are familiar with all areas of the work of the Division of First Vice-President. *Time to Speak Up*, by Jessie Haver Butler, is recommended as the book to be read on "leadership" during 1961-1962. It is available at your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, \$3.50.

2. Hold Division Meetings.

At least three division meetings should be held each year. The purpose is to plan and to work together. The agenda must be well planned with consideration given to each area of work. The leader should never dominate the meeting; she should encourage participation by the chairmen. Long-range planning with suggestions from the group is important. Recommendations to be presented to the Woman's Society should be carefully prepared in writing before presentation.

3. Enlist Inactive Women

The enlistment of inactive women is the responsibility of the First Vice-President. A new "Plan for Action" for the local society and for the association and state

First Vice-Presidents was printed in the 1961 winter issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, page 5. It is important that we continue to place emphasis on re-activating women for the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society and that we redouble our efforts in the association and state areas.

In the emphases for 1960-1961, certain basic essentials were listed. These essentials must be maintained by local, association, and state societies: good programs, informed leadership, interest and concern for others, and a purpose for the existence of the organization.

The "Plan for Action" is a continuing program. We cannot slacken our efforts, but rather we need to create greater interest and more enthusiasm in this important area of our work.

4. Organize Your Workbook

A well-organized workbook is as valuable to a leader as a good dictionary. It should be kept up to date with current projects, records of activities, materials pertaining to the division, tools for the task, and a suggested calendar of responsibilities for the year. Material received from your counterpart is valuable and should be included in your workbook.

We are on the threshold of a new program year. This is a very good time to make a thorough study of your workbook. Remove the items which have served their purpose and are no longer needed. Do not allow your workbook and your file to become "litter baskets."

5. Attend Training Sessions

How many training sessions did you attend last year? Did you contribute to the planning of a rally, conference, house party or workshop? The planning for such meetings is equally important as the attendance. If you have any responsibility for the program, make it worth while. Evaluate the purpose and then proceed with the plans.

Ask yourself these questions: Will it inform? Will it inspire? Will it suggest? Will it create a feeling of togetherness? Will it provide group participation? Will it challenge the group to action?

6. Be Helpful

Through correspondence develop a friendly working relationship with your counterpart. Keep in mind the fact that she is looking to you for suggestions. You, in turn, can share unique and creative plans that have been successful. Words of encouragement help all leaders.

"You Are Witnesses"

Is it a book or a picture? In a sense, it is both! How proud we are of the unique and interesting packet of programs produced by the New Jersey committee for use during 1961-1962! The program packet is not only attractive with its significant cover design, but the content of the programs challenges us to make use of a program for every meeting of the Woman's Society.

Included in the program packet, among other innovations, is a suggested calendar of programs which is most helpful. There are two programs designated for circles. Refer to *Missions Magazine*, March, 1961, page 36, for titles of programs prepared for small societies and circles.

Let us stop for a moment and consider the program for February. What is it? "When and Where"—PREP—(To Teach Our Children). Does the title sound like something far away? What does PREP mean? The answer is: "Planning the Right Education Program for our children."

PREP is to be sponsored jointly by the Woman's Mission Society and the Men's Fellowship. If there is no Men's Fellowship in your church, the Woman's Society should present the program and invite to it all members of the church who are interested in the future of American Baptist young people. A helpful aid to the program is the new filmstrip: "How to Visit a College Campus."¹

What is our responsibility to the program packet? Make personal use of it! Be enthusiastic about it and encourage all societies to use it. The programs are diversified. The women will enjoy working with them.

"Literature Highlights"

The 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights" will be distributed early in the month of May, through state and association chairmen of Literature to local chairmen of Literature. Since it is possible to make only one copy of "Literature Highlights" available for each local Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the titles of the books listed in the section "Personal Enrichment" are printed here with the Key to Ordering² for your convenience.

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¹ Order from Department of Christian Education of your State Convention or city society office—Purchase may be shared with other churches. Price, \$5.00.

² Key to Ordering:

(5) American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

(18) United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

(24) Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

Woman's Day, 1961

On June 14, 1961, the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be held in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon. The theme for Woman's Day is: "You Are Witnesses—Where You Are."

Woman's Day, 1961, is especially significant. During the morning session we shall celebrate the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, the first national president, is the guest speaker. She has chosen for her subject: "My Responsibility."

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Dreams—Reality

As we prepare to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women our thoughts turn to the women who were instrumental in the birth of our National Council of American Baptist Women. We know that they, undoubtedly, were concerned about what would happen in the future. Two of my predecessors have made the following comments for all First Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. E. J. D'Aboy, national First Vice-President from 1951-1952 to 1953-1954, writes:

"My dreams for the National Council of American Baptist Women were that each local Baptist woman would be, not apart from, or even a part of the National Council of American Baptist Women but that she would prayerfully consider herself to be the embodiment of the National Council of American Baptist Women. She would taste and see that the servings of inspiration, information, and work techniques were good, and then, as she hungered and thirsted after more knowledge and more service, her enthusiasm and skilled commitment would stimulate like appetites in other Baptist women."

Mrs. Frank Carroll, national First Vice-President from 1954-1955 to 1957-1958, writes:

"Ten years ago when the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized my dream was to have one national organization from which the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies would receive suggestions and guidance and to have a like organization in local, association, and state societies. This dream has become a reality."

Wanted! Five Hundred Women!

→ **Important:** Study the National Women's Conference folder sent to your vice-president of Christian Training.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: MARY KIRK (MRS. PRESTON KIRK)

National Chairman of Program

Division of the First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 6902 Dearborn, Overland Park, Kansas



Tenth Anniversary

What exciting and challenging thoughts rush into our minds when we consider this tenth milestone in our work! What have we learned and what have we achieved that will enable us to accomplish more in the future?

Former national chairmen of Program were asked to share with us their hopes for the work of this new National Council of American Baptist Women.

Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes, national chairman of Program from 1953-1954 to 1956-1957, has written as follows:

"As a chairman of Program in the formative years of the National Council of American Baptist Women, it was one of my aims that the chairmen of Program of the societies and circles might become better informed as to the excellent materials and resources produced by the boards and societies of the American Baptist Convention. This we are accomplishing in part.

"Suggestions in wide variety, skillfully written are available from many sources, and it should be the constant aim of our chairmen to keep well informed regarding these resources and in turn to inform local chairmen that from these resources they may build programs that are both varied and challenging."

Mrs. F. W. McDermott, national chairman of Program from 1957-1958 to 1959-1960, has sent the following:

"One of the areas in which I felt there was a need, and in which it seems to me real progress has been made during these past ten years, is the guidance given to each officer and chairman. A fine system has been developed for the dissemination of information, plans, and materials from national to state, to association, and to the local society.

"In the area of program building, I feel much more needs to be done in order to bring our women into closer contact with our American Baptist mission both at home and overseas. When we are informed we are interested. When we are interested, we go into action.

"May the National Council of American Baptist Women always seek to serve Christ by advancing the American Baptist Convention's world mission."

Emphases for 1961-1962

For the chairmen of Program there are six emphases for the year 1961-1962. Let us work and pray that through these emphases we may be enabled to present better and more effective programs!

1. Have a written purpose for every meeting.

One of the essentials for good programs is planning specifically the purpose for each program. Plan clearly and concisely, defining the purpose in writing. People and groups always go farther when they move forward towards clear goals and objectives. Time spent by you and your committee in defining the purpose of each program will add quality to the program when it is presented.

Each program may have a single, specific purpose or it may have a combination of objectives. A few suggestions for the purposes for which programs are planned in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and also in the circle are to:

- Help the members to become aware of the spirit of Christ.
- Stimulate and inspire spiritual growth.
- Provide opportunity for worship, fellowship, study, and work.
- Create a desire to co-operate and to serve in the entire church program, and also in community affairs.
- Increase knowledge regarding American Baptist missionary work at home and overseas.
- Increase giving to missionary endeavor.
- Challenge to intelligent action or move to a change in attitude.

2. Evaluate some of your programs.

Program evaluation means determining how successfully the purposes of the program have been attained. Therefore it is essential that evaluations be made periodically.

Evaluations are most helpful if based on reactions of entire membership or of representative members of the group. Evaluation is an integral part of the responsibility of the chairman of Program. Suggestive evaluation forms are included in:

- The 1959 fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, page 8;
- *You Can Be A Leader*,¹ page 41;
- *Planning Better Programs*,¹ page 39.

Buzz sessions in which the society's programs are discussed will give constructive help to the chairman of Program and to her committee.

¹ Order *You Can Be A Leader*, priced at 50 cents, and *Planning Better Programs*, priced at 60 cents, from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.

3. Plan variety in presentation of programs.

"Variety is the spice of life" and of good programs! The programs in the 1961-1962 program packet, "You Are Witnesses" will be very helpful in obtaining a variety of presentations. Types of presentation, particularly in circle meetings, that allow informal, group participation are conducive to learning and action.

4. Plan every program in the society and circle on some phase of our American Baptist world mission.

This is not a new emphasis, but it is a *vital* one. As a result of the "Convocation on the Mission of the Church," held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in January, 1961, American Baptists probably now have a clearer understanding of the American Baptist world mission.

While many secular subjects are interesting they are not included in the mission of the church; therefore, let us hold sacred the few hours allocated to understanding our relationship to, and responsibility for this vital work.

5. Use current supplementary resource material.

With today's rapidly changing world conditions, it is imperative that current, pertinent information be included in all programs. Several denominational publications and helps are suggested in "Literature Highlights." Be alert for new ones when issued. Reliable magazine and newspaper articles are also an excellent source of information.

6. Give guidance to the planning of programs for circles.

One of the responsibilities of the chairman of Program for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society is to share with the circle chairmen the ideas, information, and materials to which she may have access. The chairman of Program for the Woman's Society receives the materials and information from many sources, including the association chairman, and she is the only contact person for the circle chairman. The chairman of Program for the Woman's Society is not responsible for the programs of the circles, but a part of her total

responsibility is to give guidance and to share ideas and suggestions.

1961-1962 Program Information

THEME: "You Are Witnesses"—a challenging theme.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24: 48.

HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me."

MISSION STUDY THEMES:

Home: "Churches for New Times."

Foreign: "The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries."

The program packet for 1961-1962 contains twelve exciting, informative programs. A devotional service is included in each program. A variety of types of presentation is used. The 1961-1962 program packet, "You Are Witnesses," may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, one dollar.

Publicity Ideas

The promotional skit, "Hidden Depths" contains suggestions for posters illustrating each program in the packet. These ideas are useful for the publicity which precedes each society meeting.

Contact your association chairman of Program for the suggestions made in "Hidden Depths," or write to me at 6902 Dearborn, Overland Park, Kansas. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

National Women's Conference

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"Literature Highlights"

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- (5) Program Packet, "You Are Witnesses" .. \$1.00
- (11) Missions Magazine. Programs for small societies and circles, also excellent supplementary material for all programs. Annual subscription \$2.50
- (14) Crusader. Excellent current supplementary material for all programs. Annual subscription \$0.55
- (7) Home Mission Digest, 1961-1962 \$0.75
- (3) Program Helps for the Digest \$0.10
- (5) Book of Remembrance. An annual \$1.00
- (3) Maps of home mission work in the United States; Mexico and Central America; the West Indies; and Alaska and Hawaii. Individual map, 15 cents; set of four \$0.50
- (13) New Literature subscription plan \$2.00
- (12) Audio-Visual Catalog. One copy Free

² Key to Ordering: Refer to the last page of "Literature Highlights" for the address of each key number.

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To the Chairmen of House Party

From: FLORENCE BERG (Mrs. James C. Berg)

National Chairman of House Party

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: Route 6, Box 1518, Modesto, California



Emphases for 1961-1962

Three emphases are recommended for the chairmen of House Party during the program year 1961-1962. The number of emphases is small, but each one is decidedly important to the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Therefore, let us concentrate upon:

1. **Attendance.** Our aim: All association and local society officers attending their state house party for the entire period.

2. **Reading.** Our aim: (a) daily Bible reading by every state, association, and local chairman of House Party; (b) every state, association, and local chairman of House Party reading her page in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

3. **Reporting.** Our aim: A house party report made to each local society by a member who attended, or by a member of a Woman's Baptist Mission Society in a near-by church.

A Reminder

In addition to the three emphases upon which we shall be concentrating during 1961-1962, we shall also want to:

1. Suggest that each society sends its president to the state house party, paying all or part of her expenses.
2. Help to organize transportation to the house party.
3. Make known to the state chairman of House Party the women in the local society whose talents would make a valuable contribution to the program of the house party.
4. Promote attendance at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
5. Read and circulate promptly all information received from our counterparts.
6. Keep an up-to-date workbook.
7. Pray that all our work may be effective.

From Northern California

The following Question-Answer Program is made available to chairmen of House Party by Northern California:

Why should You go to the house party?

1. For inspiration, for the deepening of your own spiritual life, and for broadening your concern for others.

2. To equip yourself that you may further better the cause of Christ through the world mission of the American Baptist Convention.

3. To learn all that is possible regarding the National Council of American Baptist Women: the purpose, the specific goals, the method of working.

4. To acquire new ideas from other Woman's Baptist Mission Societies.

5. To share ideas with other Baptist women.

6. To enjoy fun and fellowship.

What should you take to the house party?

1. An alert and open mind.
2. A sensitive and praying heart.
3. A sense of humor.
4. A co-operative and understanding spirit.

What should you take back to your Woman's Baptist Mission Society?

1. Those parts of the program which will stimulate and encourage the folk at home.
2. New materials that will widen the horizon of your society and will give sparkle to your programs.
3. An over-all and accurate picture of American Baptist women as they work in their local societies, association, state, and national organizations, and for the American Baptist world mission around the world.
4. Enthusiasm sufficient to create in others a desire to attend the house party next year.
5. The feeling of belonging—of being an important part of an important part of God's Kingdom at work.

Colored Keys

A House Party Skit presented by Massachusetts

[Characters: Mrs. Allen, wearing an apron and holding a set of colored keys; Mrs. Taylor, a visiting friend. Scene: Mrs. Allen's living room. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Taylor in unheard conversation which leads into Mrs. Taylor's opening question.]

MRS. TAYLOR: Do you mind if I ask you something? What are those keys for? You have had them for over six months now and I'm dying to know what they are for.

MRS. ALLEN: No, I don't mind your asking. You see each key represents something I want to remember. I keep them hanging by my desk. I had just taken them down when you came in.

This red key represents joyfulness and praise and thankfulness. It means music, fun, and laughter.

This blue key represents loyalty, faithfulness, prayer, devotion, grace at meals.

And this green key means challenge. It means hearing of needs at home and abroad, and ways whereby I can help to meet those needs. It means giving of myself, my substance. It means a call to be better than I am, to be more Christ-like.

The grey key represents learning, gaining information from exhibits, books, speakers, missionaries, interest-group leaders—gaining information to guide me and to help me in my work, in my home, in my church, and in my community.

This black key is a warning key. It signifies that unless all men can come together in love through Christ we may very well have opened the door to a tragic and bottomless pit. It is a warning to remember that I must love my neighbor as myself and that my neighborhood extends clear around the world.

MRS. TAYLOR: What is that little purple key for?

MRS. ALLEN: *[laughing]* That is a reminder not to eat so much next time.

MRS. TAYLOR: Next time? Did you get those keys at some particular place?

MRS. ALLEN: No, but the things they represent come from a particular place—the Baptist Woman's House Party at This year it is to be held from to

MRS. TAYLOR: I've heard a lot about house party, but I never thought much about going.

MRS. ALLEN: I, too, felt as you do until last year when Gladys persuaded me to go with her. When I came home I had so much to remember that's when I decided to make these keys to help me to remember some of the wonderful things I saw, heard, and learned at the house party. Believe me, Betty, I am so glad I went and I am so glad to have the opportunity to go again this year.

MRS. TAYLOR: Tell me what must I do if I decide to go to the house party?

MRS. ALLEN: First, you register. Nancy Brown, chairman of House Party, in our Woman's Society, has all the information regarding prices, and so forth. I've already registered. Will you register and go along with me?

MRS. TAYLOR: Thank you, I certainly will. *[Turns to audience and asks]* Will you?

I'm Going, Too!

Massachusetts presents another skit.

[Character: Mrs. Ashman. Scene, a living room. Mrs. Ashman seated at a table with a telephone. She has decided to give a luncheon in her home for some of her church friends.]

MRS. ASHMAN: *[Dials Helen's number.]* Oh, Helen, this is Peggy. I thought it would be nice to have a few friends from the church for a luncheon on June, that is Tuesday. Can you come? *[Listens]* Oh, you're going to the house party at Yes, I've heard you talk about it at the meetings of the Woman's Society. Just thought I couldn't go. Well, I'll think about it. We'll try again on the luncheon. Good-bye.

MRS. ASHMAN: *[Dials Jean's number.]* Hello, Jean, this is Peggy. I'd like to have you come to the house on Tuesday, June for luncheon, if you can. I thought it would be nice to have a few friends from church. *[Listens]* Oh, you're going with Helen to the house party. How in the world can you do it with four children? *[Listens]* Oh, that's nice that your mother can come. Yes, I remember that you said you had such an inspirational time last year that you wouldn't miss it for anything. Well, I'll plan a luncheon when you get back. 'Bye.

MRS. ASHMAN: *[Dials Mary's number.]* Dorothy, may I speak with your mother, please. Hi, Mary, this is Peggy. I wanted to give a luncheon at my house on Tuesday, June, but I'm afraid most of our church friends will not be home. Are you going to this house party that everyone is talking about? You are! Well that settles it! Tell me, how expensive is it and how and where do I register? *[Repeats information.]* Well, I certainly am going to that house party to see what it is that is so attractive to everyone. May I go along with you? Thanks a lot. Good-bye.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience the items listed in "Literature Highlights" for the chairmen of House Party are printed here. Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore.

The House Party Story	\$0.40
Handbook for Group Leaders	\$3.00
You Can Be A Leader	\$0.50

Dates to Remember

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To the Chairmen of Literature

From: HAZEL LOBLEY (Mrs. J. Benjamin Loble)

National Chairman of Literature

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine



Tenth Anniversary

A long time ago so it seems now, in June, 1951, the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized in Buffalo, New York, on the day preceding the opening session of the American Baptist Convention.

Were you present to hear the plans for this new organization that was the fulfillment of dreams of many dedicated Baptist women? When I read the constitution, I was baffled by the number of vice-presidents. What would so many vice-presidents do? I learned! Why was the chairman of Literature in the Division of the First Vice-President? What was a division? I learned!

Now ten years have passed and on June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon, we shall celebrate our tenth anniversary. As we review the years, certain facts are evident: We have increased in the number of women taking an active part in our work; and our vocabularies have changed. Now we talk about counterparts, goals, guides, divisions for the promotion of the American Baptist world mission through the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. We realize, too, more poignantly than ever before, that the best is never good enough as we attempt to achieve our great underlying purpose. We realize that we should review our purpose very often and remember it is for that reason we are organized.

Annual Reports

Have you sent the annual report from your local society to your association counterpart? It is hoped that, together, the officers and chairmen completed their reports carefully and promptly, sending the reports to their counterparts in time to be received prior to the deadline as indicated on each report form.

The state reports, indicating what has been accomplished by the local societies and the associations within each state, finally reach my home. It is then that we know what our team of chairmen of Literature, representing more than forty-five hundred Woman's Baptist Mission Societies, has accomplished during the program year.

As the end of April approaches, I am naturally eager to know what your reports will reveal. I am also wondering what your answers are to the following questions: What do you consider has been most helpful to you in your work this year? Was it letters from your

counterparts? Was it your page in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*? Did you feel special joy as you shared with someone some significant achievement in your area of the total work of the Woman's Society?

Emphases for 1961-1962

At the beginning of the new program year, let us refer to the March, 1958, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, and take the *second part of the first goal* as the first emphasis for 1961-1962:

1. Familiarize yourself with . . .

- (a) The workbook and file of materials supplied by your predecessor.
- (b) Current materials.
- (c) Special emphases.

For our second emphasis for 1961-1962, it is suggested that we focus our efforts upon the *first part of the second goal*:

2. Serve as a member of the Division of First Vice-President, helping to correlate the over-all program of the division.

This second emphasis has been chosen with a desire to give special help to the small society. Usually in a society with a membership of over twenty-five, there are officers, chairmen, and divisions as recommended in the constitution. In a society of fewer than twenty-five members, adjustments must be made. "How do we work," you ask, "in a division when a vice-president carries the responsibility of the whole division?" Refer to the winter, 1961, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, page 36, and study the diagram prepared by Mrs. Kenneth Cober, national chairman of Leadership Training, for the "Division Vice-President in a Small Society."

Through our achievement of this second emphasis, we, doubtless, will find the work we do as chairmen of Literature decidedly more effective.

Two Plus

In addition to the two special emphases for 1961-1962, let us continue to work with even greater effort to promote the following emphases which are continuous emphases for chairmen of Literature:

1. Consult with each officer and chairman of your local Baptist Woman's Mission Society, making recommendations regarding the literature which she will find most helpful. Order the materials which she decides

upon, taking care to send the order exactly as directed in the Key to Ordering.

2. Arrange attractive displays of denominational and approved interdenominational literature for the meetings of the Woman's Society. From time to time try entirely new methods of display.

Using Excerpts

Do you have a complete copy of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* for your personal use? If not, ask to borrow your president's copy or the Woman's Society's copy. You will find in *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* several paragraphs which you may want to use in your presentation of literature at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society. In the 1961 winter issue refer to:

→ Page 25, "An IF for the Chairman of White Cross," by Mrs. Dwight Bahr, national chairman of White Cross.

→ Page 21, "Through a Ministry for Shut-ins," by Mrs. John Sparrowk, national vice-president of Christian Service.

→ Page 37, "Will-You Tree," by Miss Rhoda Young, vice-president of Business and Professional Women.

Dates to Remember:

→ **June 14, 1961**—Woman's Day, Portland, Oregon. Tenth Anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women! Morning session and annual meeting, division luncheons, afternoon program! Try to attend, and be sure to make a reservation for our division luncheon.

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"You Surely Want to Know"

Mrs. Robert Berkelman's prize-winning essay on "Why I Read Missions" is reprinted here with the per-

mission of *Missions Magazine*,¹ as a suggestion for use by chairmen of Literature in their presentations of denominational literature. The essay follows:

The young man at my door was so earnest and eager to sell his magazines that I allowed him to take my time as he explained their advantages.



"You surely want to know what is happening in the world," said he. "We live in one world now, you know, and this magazine will help you realize it."

"Yes," I replied. "But I already have a magazine that does that, and more vividly than the one you are offering me."

"Well," he continued eagerly, "you'll want to read some stories. Now here's a little magazine full of interesting ones."

"I'm sorry," I answered, "but I have a magazine that contains true human interest stories, and many characters in them are people I know; so naturally I am eager to read them."

He was not discouraged yet. "Here is a magazine," he went on to say, "that you really need. It is full of challenging articles that make you think about important issues in government, in politics, and in society. It discusses questions such as world peace, the United Nations, racial discrimination, and so forth. Surely, you want to be up on such matters, don't you?"

"Indeed I do," I said, "and I am. I have a magazine that is fearless in championing the cause of human rights, and showing us our own weaknesses and blindness. No alert person who had ever read it would care to be without it. And above all, it interprets the world mission of the Christian church."

"I guess you have me cornered," the young man finally acknowledged. "Would you mind telling me the names of your three magazines?"

"All three are one magazine," I replied. "Its name is *Missions*. May I sell you a subscription?"

"Literature Highlights"

In the month of May, each local chairman of Literature will receive a copy of the 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights," forwarded to her through her state and association chairmen of Literature. This copy is to be shared with all officers and chairmen, and members who may request opportunity to see it.

Your attention is called to:

- Ten Tips on Ordering, available at the American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

- The New Literature Subscription Plan. Order from: Department of Literature, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, per year, two dollars.

¹ Reprinted from *Missions Magazine*, January, 1949, page 29, by permission.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: LOIS MAYES (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)

National Vice-President of Missions

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California



Birthday Candles Lighted!

It doesn't seem possible, but it is true! The National Council of American Baptist Women is celebrating its tenth anniversary in June, 1961. A special observance of this occasion will be part of our Woman's Day program on June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon. A tenth anniversary committee is appraising the National Council's first decade of service and is trying to discern present and future needs in order that the next decade may be one of even greater growth.

Through this anniversary issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, greetings are being sent to you from two former vice-presidents of Missions.

Mrs. H. Hurley Baird, national vice-president of Missions, from 1952-1953 to 1954-1955, writes:

"In one of my first letters as national vice-president of Missions, I wrote to my counterparts as follows: *'Pray for the Harvest, but continue to hoe.'* I stated that at one of our women's meetings in Chicago, Illinois, that portion of an old prayer was used, and I felt that we must continue to hoe, through favorable or unfavorable weather, in soil rich and fertile, or rocky and barren, permitting nothing to dampen our enthusiasm or to mar our faith, for after all our partner is the Lord of the Harvest.

"That quotation from an early letter, written when I was the national vice-president of Missions, seems to be just as pertinent to me today when I am serving as the vice-president of Missions in my local Woman's Society.

"Many changes have come upon the world scene, but no change has been made in the Divine command, 'Go,' and no substitute has come for prayer to keep our will strengthened and our hearts joyous as we work with all our might ere the night cometh.

"So I call a greeting from my end of the row to all vice-presidents of Missions as we hoe together. Hoe this row that encompasses the whole earth and brings forth fruit!"

Mrs. Marshall B. Barker, national vice-president of Missions, from 1955-1956 to 1958-1959, sends this message:

"Congratulations to the Division of Missions as it celebrates its tenth anniversary. Although the division is quite young, the task is an old one. Baptist women in America were organizing for the same purpose almost 150 years ago. In fact, the task has not changed in the almost two thousand years since Christ commis-

sioned his disciples on the hill top in Galilee. Nations, rulers, communications, travel methods, the numbers of people involved, and methods have changed fantastically, but our responsibility is the same: to give the Gospel, the good news, to all the world's peoples.

"Vice-presidents of Missions need constantly to seek and to find new ways to present the command of the Master. They need consecrated imaginations to bring a fresh approach and a new vitality to the women of the churches. The old and familiar words of the Master are directed to you and to me right now in the year 1961."

Emphasis for 1961-1962

"Witness—Where You Are"

The Division of Missions, believing that our denominational emphasis for the Baptist Jubilee Advance, for the year 1961-1962, is a deep concern of every American Baptist woman, has chosen these words, "Witness, Where You Are," as its annual emphasis.

We have chosen this theme for our emphasis because we believe that the world-wide mission is one in which not only the commissioned missionaries but every one of us must share, wherever we live or work.

"Witness, Where You Are" means that we must witness as we serve in local societies, and in our churches, and as we give sacrificially, and as we pray. Thus we clasp hands with the missionaries and with the staffs of our mission boards in a witness which reaches around the world.

New Study Themes

"Churches for New Times" is the timely theme for the home-mission study for the year 1961-1962, and "The Christian Mission to Latin American Countries" is the theme for the foreign-mission study.

Under American Baptist Convention assignments, Mexico, Cuba, Nicaragua, Haiti, El Salvador, and Puerto Rico, are considered home mission fields; therefore, materials for study of these fields should be ordered from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

It should be noted, however, that the continent of South America is included in the study. Every society doubtless will want to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more regarding the work of Canadian and Southern Baptists on the continent of South America, and of the continuing need for the Gospel in these countries.

Travel Bureau

Many American Baptists will join the trek to Portland, Oregon, where our denomination will meet, from June 14 to June 18, in the Memorial Coliseum for the annual convention.

On Woman's Day, June 14, members of the Division of Missions are cordially invited to share in a period of fellowship, around the luncheon tables, where a group of missionaries will be our guests. We shall look forward to seeing you at the division luncheon.

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On Our Bookshelf

The National Council of American Baptist Women suggests the following books for individual enrichment and growth during the year 1961-1962. For your convenience, the Key to Ordering¹ is indicated.

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| (5) | The Reconciling Gospel | \$1.50 |
| (5) | Meet Mrs. Jones | \$1.00 |
| (5) | Time to Speak Up | \$3.50 |
| (5) | Stewardship for Today's Woman | \$1.75 |
| (18) | The Church Woman. Annual subscrip-
tion | \$1.00 |
| (24) | Christianity and Communism | \$3.50 |
| (5) | One Mark of Greatness | \$1.50 |
| (24) | How to Help Groups Make Decisions .. | \$1.00 |

The titles of these books will be listed in "Literature Highlights" for 1961-1962. The copy of "Literature Highlights" for your Woman's Society will be sent during the month of May, through your state and association chairmen of Literature to the chairman of Literature in your society.

¹ Key to Ordering:

(5) American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

(18) United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

(24) Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

Important Conferences

→ National Women's Conference

Be sure to study the program folder for the National Women's Conference, July 8-15, 1961, Green Lake, Wisconsin. This folder was sent to your vice-president of Christian Training through the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

→ Missions Conference

The annual Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 5-12, 1961, will provide opportunity to meet a number of American Baptist missionaries in person and to hear many of them speak.

Daily Bible study will be under the leadership of Dr. Robert B. Hannen, professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School.

Dr. Edwin Dahlberg will be the speaker in the worship services for Sunday, August 5, and the Vesper series will be led by the Reverend Warren Carr.

Mission study themes will be presented by leaders of the American Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies.

This is another opportunity for growth and fellowship with American Baptists.

Plan now to include a conference at Green Lake as part of your summer vacation.

"One Mark of Greatness"

A new book of unusual interest for both home and foreign mission studies for the current year is soon to be released under the intriguing title, "One Mark of Greatness." This book was written by Miss Helen Schmitz, of the staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and Mrs. E. W. Cattin, of the staff of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

In compact and interesting form, this book which tells of the beginnings and of the history of both home and foreign mission work of the American Baptist Convention, will be invaluable for study both by individuals and groups. It should be purchased for every church library. Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, \$1.50.

From the Letter File

Your letters tell us that in most states, a conference for the Division of Missions is held during the state house parties.

Are your missionary guests invited to participate in this division meeting? Missionary guests will be able to give very practical help in all phases of the work of the Division of Missions. They will provide new inspiration for the support of the Special offerings.

At the Division of Missions Conference special emphasis should be given to the strength and weakness disclosed by the annual reports. The new materials, as listed in "Literature Highlights" and in "Friends Through Books," should be available for examination and if possible for purchase.

State and Association leaders should plan early to make this a helpful period of training for all members of the Division of Missions.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: LEONA MUELLER (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)

National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education
Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota



Emphasis, 1961-1962

"Witness—Where You Are"

Has your mind been renewed during the program year 1960-1961 through reading, meditation, and Bible study? If you pursued the 1960-1961 emphasis, you are, doubtless, well informed and spiritually ready for the new emphasis of the Division of Missions: "Witness—Where You Are."

Each day we come in contact with many people. It is in these contacts that we can make our most effective witness for Christ and His Kingdom. Just a friendly word or a Christian act may open the door to a new world of peace and joy for someone. Do those whom we meet in our everyday contacts know that we are Christians?

"Literature Highlights"

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(5) Friends Through Books	Free
(5) Baptist Mission Study Guide on "Churches for New Times"	\$0.50
(7) Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance. One to a church	Free
(7) Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church. One to a church	Free
(5) Stewardship for Today's Woman	\$1.75
(5) Fun and Festival from Latin America ..	\$0.75
Books for Your Library:	
(5) Golden Boats from Burma	\$3.75
(5) One Mark of Greatness. Available, June 14	\$1.50

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(7) Your Baptist State and City Offices.

Mission Study Books, 1961-1962

Refer to the preliminary list of mission study and reading materials printed in the March, 1961, issue of *Missions Magazine*, page 31.

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→ National Missions Conference, August 5-12, 1961, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

→ Adult Training Laboratory, August 9-26, 1961, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

→ Interdenominational Missions Conferences. Refer to page 33, January, 1961, issue of *Missions Magazine*.

A Tenth Anniversary Bonus

In this spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, recognition is being made of the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women. As a special gift to the chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education the following skit, written by Mrs. A. L. Fero, Colorado Springs, Colorado, is presented. "You Will, Won't You?" is recommended for presentation at house parties, association meetings, and meetings of the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

You Will, Won't You?

By Jean Fero

[Scene: The audience will use imagination for the setting. On one side of the stage Mary is dusting furniture. On the other side, Janet is sitting at the telephone with notebook and list. She dials. Mary's telephone rings. Mary goes to answer the ring.]

MARY: Hello.

JANET: Hello, Mary. This is Janet. How are you?

MARY: Fine. Busy cleaning house.

JANET: Well, I won't keep you. I'm on the nominating committee for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. [Mary looks wary.] We were wondering—I mean, do you suppose—well, I know you are busy, but . . .

MARY: Come on Janet, be brave! Out with it!

JANET: Well, you were suggested for the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education. How about it?

MARY: My goodness, Janet, I don't even know what being chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education involves! Offhand, it sounds like a lot of work. What is it?

JANET: Well, er . . . well, I know you'd have to order the books for the Woman's Society; keep track of the reading; and, well, honestly, I really don't know. Tell you what—suppose you call Betty. She's had the job for about four years. Have her tell you about it. Then you can give me your answer. O.K.?

MARY: O.K., Janet. I'll call you later. [Hangs up and dials. Janet quietly moves off stage. Betty enters and answers the telephone.]

BETTY: Hello!

MARY: Betty, this is Mary. If you have a minute, I have a question.

BETTY: I have the *minute*. Hope I have the *answer*!

MARY: Janet just telephoned asking me to be chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. I want to know just what it involves before I give my answer. It seems that you are the expert.

BETTY: Expert! Oh, my! Well, I'll try. What do you want to know?

MARY: Everything.

BETTY: Whew! That's a big order! Many people have a wrong idea about this office. They think of it as synonymous with the chairman of Literature. There is some overlapping, to be sure, but they are very different jobs. [Pauses] This is something I haven't tried to do before—explain this job. Excuse me, please, while I think.

MARY: Maybe if you explain the meaning of missionary and stewardship education I'll have a better idea of all that it involves.

BETTY: O.K.! I think I will do it in a general way. There are certain things each chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education should do. Some details may differ in each church; for example, whether they order books from the Traveling Library or whether the Woman's Baptist Mission Society buys its own. But let's get back to the explanation. [Speaks slowly as she thinks] I'd say the keyword is education. It's part of your job to educate the women in regard to missions and stewardship. That's why it's part of your job to take care of the study books. The mission-study books give us one of the main sources of education regarding missionaries, mission fields, and stewardship. So you will encourage the reading of these

books. And knowing you, Mary, you will have some creative ideas.

MARY: Flattery will get you nowhere! This sounds like quite a job. I can see that it would mean encouraging the reading of such magazines as *Missions* and *Crusader*, since they give us lots of information about the missionaries, and so forth. I remember some of the things you did to encourage reading. How can I ever come up with anything unusual and original?

BETTY: I know you can, Mary. In fact, I believe you are getting the idea now, aren't you?

MARY: Well, I can see that I'll have to be constantly encouraging people.

BETTY: Not only that! You will have to do some of the educating yourself. And there is something that I hope you can work out. I never succeeded in getting it done, though I wanted to. That is a study group on stewardship. It would be wonderful if you could do that. When you get into the subject you realize that stewardship covers a great deal.

MARY: Indeed, I realized that after working on the stewardship program for the circle. The subject of stewardship is much too much to cover in one evening. Why, we could have one session on tithing, another on stewardship of talent and time. Remember how our circle discussed the confusion of deciding *where* to give our time and talent. A Christian needs to do community work as well as church work, and it's so hard to decide what and how much to do. We could have a lot of discussion. Oh, I'd love to do that! I really believe everyone needs to know more about stewardship. It could be worked into our Sunday evening study groups, too.

BETTY: I love that enthusiasm. That's why you'd be excellent in this office. Sometimes I became quite frustrated, but I did love the job. You will also have a part in planning the Church School of Missions. This is about the only time that some people hear about the missionaries and the mission fields—especially the men.

MARY: How true! I've thought for some time that men should know more about these things. Is there any indirect way that I can work on them through this missionary and stewardship education program?

BETTY: [Laughs] I'm sure there is. I've planted a couple of ideas here and there. I've been hinting around about a reading program in the Men's Fellowship. Maybe you can do something about it too.

MARY: You know, if every woman in the Woman's Society would co-operate in the reading program and study, we'd have a wonderful missionary spirit and every woman would be giving more of her time, talent, and money. Think what this would do for the church's program at home and around the world.

BETTY: True! But until then, we keep plugging, encouraging, and suggesting. By the way, it sounds as though you have taken the job.

MARY: [Laughs dubiously] I guess so! I'm afraid I can't say "no" now. [Pausing, then enthusiastically] In fact, I can hardly wait to start. Thanks for the help!

BETTY: You are welcome, Mary. I'm glad you are taking the job. There will be certain details to work out, and I'll be turning over a big workbook full of correspondence, instructions, and so forth. But you have the general idea now. [Looks at watch] Look at the time! I must start dinner for my family.

MARY: Me, too! Thanks loads! Good-bye! [Mary and Betty leave stage]

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: WINIFRED SWOPE (Mrs. George Swope)

*National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—
Home and Overseas*

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1815 Chestnut Street,
Kenova, West Virginia



“Win Him! He Is Mine!”

New York City had *almost* rescued itself from one of its snowfalls when the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women met there for its February meetings. Those were busy days. The pressures of tasks to be completed and those to be undertaken were heavy upon me. In what delirious moment had I agreed to undertake so many impossible demands? And why?

As those questions came to my mind, I turned and looked out of my hotel window. There, nine stories below, a ragged, old man shuffled along the street rummaging first in one garbage can then in another. At that moment the Lord reminded me of the people around the world, all of them his children, who were rummaging through garbage cans . . . garbage cans of poverty, filth, disease, ignorance, vice, boredom, luxury . . . but garbage-can-living, all of it!

That child of God, searching through that garbage can, be it in Hong Kong, Haiti, India, or in the United States of America, is our reason for being engaged in this task together. To us God says, “Win him! He is Mine! Interpret Me to him that he may live!” This is God’s only plan for redeeming his children, and it depends completely upon *us*.

No, we must not be depressed by the pressures that bear down upon us. Instead, let us determine to discover how we can more effectively interpret God to man.

Paint a Portrait

No, no! Don’t rush out to buy canvas, oils, and brushes! You needn’t be a Rembrandt, for I don’t mean a portrait of that kind. Have you ever “heard” a portrait?

To our genuine delight, on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of his birthday our son asked for the Columbia recording of “A Lincoln Portrait.” This portrait of “the sixteenth president of these United States” is movingly created by the music of Copland and the voice of Carl Sandburg who speaks the memorable words of Abraham Lincoln. Music and voice combine to bring one face to face with that quiet,

melancholy man of the ages, and to hear Sandburg is to resolve “that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom!”

Are you saying that you are neither a gifted composer, nor a poet? That portrait painting is completely out of your line? That you’re just an average Joe with average abilities? Maybe so! But haven’t you forgotten the average Joes who turned the world upside down, because their resources were supernatural? So are yours. For your canvas you have the hearts of those who hear your voice; your oils are all of the printed materials at your disposal; your brush is the Holy Spirit of the living God speaking through you.

Now through your words paint boldly and lovingly so that those who hear may come face to face with the Christ; and that they may resolve to follow him!

Emphasis for 1961-1962

“Witness—Where You Are”

The attractive new program packet announces the program theme for 1961-1962 to be: “You Are Witnesses.” In our division meeting, we chose as our division emphasis for 1961-1962 this exhortation, “Witness—Where You Are.” May I ask that as you witness you paint a portrait that is so appealing and so vivid, that your listeners will be moved to say, “Behold, how He loved us. We are His. We will follow Him all the way”

Take Time to Be Right

1. Tear up your old talk, and begin all over! Don’t get excited, for you must admit that change, rapid change, is taking place on every mission field. Chances are that your presentation is behind the times. Yes, salvage what is still pertinent, but give your portrait an up-to-date look.

2. Read, read, read! May I suggest that you go to the public library and get several of the most recent books published about your field. This will give you added knowledge and understanding apart from the denominational and interdenominational books and pamphlets that you have read. You will benefit tremendously. And don’t overlook the newspapers and other peri-

odicals. Remember that today people are very much aware of, and concerned about the world situation, and it is essential that you are better informed than your audience.

3. Know the latest information concerning your field. Careful reading of the *Crusader*, *Missions*, *Home Mission Digest*, *Book of Remembrance*, home and foreign mission leaflets, and the study books is important. Are you familiar with the pen sketches of the missionaries on your field?

4. Be sure that you can verify the information you give concerning your field. Don't guess. When your packet comes from the home or foreign mission societies, examine it carefully. The foreign mission societies mail a packet to the interpreters three times a year; in the fall, spring, and summer. The home societies mail a packet twice a year; in the fall and spring.

Review—Renew—Replenish

I have been grateful for your letters, and I hope that your questions will be answered on these pages. If they are not, just persist and write again!

Do open that workbook and read all of your pages again. I know that some of your questions will be answered when you do. Perhaps you have forgotten something that was on an early page, and *now* you have the time to try it. Go back over the pages just to check up and see how very good you've been!

But suppose for some reason you are without an adequate workbook? Write to me at once for a copy of the page in the March, 1958, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, which outlines your duties so clearly that you must not be without it. Just in case you are without an adequate workbook, you will want the following information without delay:

1. Interpreters are appointed by the association chairman and the three other members of the Division of Missions. Women should be appointed who speak well, who are vitally concerned about the world mission of the church, and who are willing to travel throughout the association making speeches. Names can be sought from pastors, local presidents, and other leaders in local churches.

2. You have asked whether interpreters should be expected to speak at circle meetings. I would say that this must depend somewhat upon the local situation and the availability of the interpreter's time. Ordinarily it is thought that circle programs are best planned by the responsible circle member and presented by her, since it is here that leadership is developed.

3. It is understood that the expenses of the interpreter are met by the group to whom she speaks. Some groups also make an additional gift, but this is not necessary.

4. *Try Giving Yourself Away*, by David Dunn, is a provocative book which tells you how to do just that. Interpreters must work at giving themselves away. An association listing should be made available to pastors and local church leaders, and at every opportunity announcement should be made concerning the work of the interpreters.

5. House parties will soon be upon us, and if possible

you will want to say a word about your department. If there is enough time try introducing some of your interpreters in an unusual way. For one dollar you can learn all about costumes from many lands. Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens has put this information into the booklet, "Designs and Patterns, Costumes from Many Lands."

Tenth Annual Meeting

On Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, the tenth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women will be held in Portland, Oregon. If you are going to be in Portland for this meeting, be sure to make a reservation for the luncheon of the Division of Missions.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

National Council of American Baptist Women

Portland, Oregon

DIVISION LUNCHEONS June 14, 1961, 12:00 o'clock,
price, including gratuity, \$2.25

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON June 17, 1961, 12:30 o'clock,
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"Literature Highlights"

Suggestions and materials are sent direct to the Mission Interpreters whose names are listed in the New York offices of the home and foreign mission societies by the state chairmen of Mission Interpreters.

For additional help and suggestions, request to see the complete list of items for the Division of Missions in the 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights" which will be sent to the chairman of Literature in your society during the month of May, through the state and association chairmen of Literature.

Horizons Unlimited

With the approach of summer comes the wanderlust. To many American Baptist women this means Green Lake, Wisconsin—where the springs are fresh and cool and never run dry! There is a private spring for *you*, and we hope you will be there to drink from it.

→ **July 8-15, 1961**, National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Study the program folder sent to the local vice-president of Christian Training by the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

→ **August 5-12, 1961**, National Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Elective training groups are planned—each one vital to the local church mission. The program is vital, inspiring, timely.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: ELIZABETH FORD (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire



Greetings to All My Counterparts!

What a joy it is to bring in the mail every morning! Almost every day I have a letter from one or more of you, telling of some unusual program, some project you have been carrying out, or asking for information or material. When I hear from you and when I reply to your letters, we become better acquainted as we share together in this important work for God. Do keep the letters coming. I shall be glad to help you in any way I can, and I shall be delighted to pass your ideas on to others.

Emphasis, 1961-1962

"Witness—Where You Are"

Witnessing . . . through praying, giving, and serving! "Witness—Where You Are" is the emphasis of the Division of Missions for the year 1961-1962.

During 1960-1961, we urged all members of the Division of Missions to read, read, read. We must not stop now in gaining knowledge through our reading. Our reading must continue. We read to learn and as we learn we wish to share with others that which we have learned.

Through the 1961-1962 Baptist Jubilee Advance program we shall learn that we witness wherever we are and in whatever we are doing. We shall need to pray for help in giving and serving as we witness.

During 1961-1962, we, as members of the Division of Missions, wish that the witness we make will honor our Lord and Savior. May our Father say of us, "Ye are my Witnesses!"

Tenth Anniversary

It is well from time to time to take a backward look to discover what was in the thinking of the women who first brought into being our National Council of American Baptist Women and to see whether their dreams for the various offices have been realized.

You, as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, will be interested in reading what three of my predecessors in this office have written regarding the dreams which they had hoped might be realized during the coming years.

Mrs. Calvin M. Thompson of Syracuse, New York, chairman from 1952-1953 to 1954-1955, writes:

"And my dream did come true! Our missionaries are better known, their work better understood; they are

more appreciated and more loved as evidenced by gifts, letters, and prayer. Women in the home churches have a deeper sense of responsibility and concern. In this touch of personal fellowship we know, and our missionaries know, that we are *co-workers*."

Mrs. Russell C. Smith of Lebanon, Indiana, chairman from 1955-1956 to 1956-1957, writes:

"It is every chairman's desire that tempting tidbits of information will find their way into the lap of every woman in every local church, causing her to become a seeker after more information. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN is trying hard to do this job, and as soon as we realize that *every circle* should own a copy of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN to be circulated among its members, we may come nearer to that goal. Informed women are enthusiastic women."

Mrs. Smith will be glad to know that a recommendation was passed at the board of managers meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, held in February, 1961, suggesting that each circle in each Woman's Society subscribes for a copy of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for its own use.

Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr. was chairman from June 1957 until October 1959, when she went with her husband to Hong Kong where he became director of Church World Service. In the midst of a busy schedule in Hong Kong, Mrs. Gates writes:

"If it was my dream that each Special Interest Missionary should become a very real part of each family in the church; should be included in family prayers, in Christmas card lists, and so forth. I had hoped that in each home there would be a picture of the missionary and the family, and that each church would feel a keen interest in the field in which the missionary worked so that each member would become a better informed, more earnest supporter of our mission program. I also hoped that each church would do all it could in every way possible, whether it be by prayer, gifts, letters, cards, or the sending of denominational literature, to help its specials to perform their tasks. And, of course, I hoped that whatever was sent to overseas missionaries would be usable; that the interest in the missionaries would be church-centered rather than that of the association; and the interest would be that of the entire church membership and not limited to the members of the Woman's Society."

Our thanks to these former national chairmen for sharing these dreams with us! Let us continue in our

endeavor to bring to fuller fruition their dreams as we carry on the work they so ably began!

Division Luncheon

Woman's Day, June 14, 1961

Last year at the Convention in Rochester, I had the pleasure of meeting a number of chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries at our division luncheon. This year I hope that many of you can be in Portland, Oregon, on June 14, for Woman's Day, when we shall celebrate the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women. I hope you will also attend the Division of Missions' luncheon at noon, and that again we may be able to meet personally.

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Program Packet—1961-1962

The theme for the 1961-1962 Program Packet is "You Are Witnesses." This packet, prepared by a committee of New Jersey women, contains a program on Special Interest Missionaries, entitled "Kindling Thoughts." This excellent and different type of program is suggested for a summer circle meeting. Be sure to use it.⁵

Pen Sketches

When you want a pen sketch think first of your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. It is your state chairman from whom you should order the pen sketches of your special interest missionaries. Other pen sketches you may wish may be ordered either from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, or from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Be sure to send five cents for each overseas missionary; home missionary couples are on one page and the price is five cents. Your state chairman will also appreciate receiving the cost of postage.

Study the program folder for the National Women's Conference, July 8-15, 1961, Green Lake, Wisconsin, sent to your vice-president of Christian Training.

What About Gifts to Missionaries?

It may be helpful for us to keep the following suggestions in mind:

1. Do not over-value a gift. Missionaries often cannot accept gifts sent to them because of the high duty placed on the gift.

2. Quote the wholesale price, usually 20 per cent less than the retail price.

3. Check with the missionary regarding the duty charged for the gift and send the money through the treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies to reimburse her for the duty on your gift.

4. Keep in mind that gifts of money for a missionary should always be sent through the treasurer of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

5. Consult the missionary before sending a gift. When we plan a personal gift for our missionary, we want to be sure that it will give her pleasure.

6. Use the ten-cent air-mail form obtained from the post office when writing to your missionary. This inexpensive stationery assures the fastest possible delivery.

7. Request from the Reverend A. F. Merrill, Administrative Secretary Public Relations Department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, a list of special needs or requests of your missionaries. Mr. Merrill will be glad to help you in making your decision as to what to send.

Green Lake Conferences

Will you be at the National Women's Conference, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961? Each afternoon the members of the Division of Missions will meet to discuss subjects relevant to the work.

If it is not possible to attend the Women's Conference, try to be present at the Missions Conference, August 5-12, 1961, at Green Lake.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience the items listed in "Literature Highlights" for the chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries are printed here with the Key to Ordering.¹

- (5) Book of Remembrance. The 1962 edition will become available December 1, 1961. \$1.00
- (20) Pen Sketches of your home and foreign missionary specials. Order by name of missionary. Each Pen Sketch \$0.05
- (1) Specialties for Our Specials (Revised) For chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries, one copy Free

¹ Key to Ordering:

(1) National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

(5) American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

(20) Your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

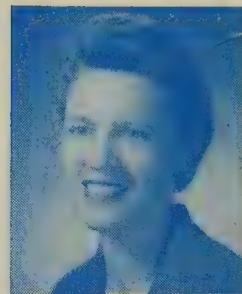
From: CORA SPARROWK (Mrs. John Sparrowk)

National Vice-President of Christian Service

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 302 Montair Drive, Danville,
California



"When Ye Pray Say *Our Father*"

When Ye Pray Say Our Father is the title of a devotional book our family recently received as a gift.

Our Lord's prayer begins with the two simple words "Our Father." It is easy to skim over them and to catch only their surface meaning. The use of the word "our" instead of "my" awakens us to the fact that we are a small part of a vast family. He is "Our Father," the father of the peoples of the world, regardless of race and nationality. This awareness will call us to action as we encompass the globe with arms of compassion.

Division Goal for 1961-1962

To See "Some Signs of Progress"

It is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. Life is not built on a level; it is built on an incline. Therefore when we stop climbing, we are likely to slip.

Emphasis for Vice-Presidents

As vice-presidents of Christian Service, let us keep in mind the over-all emphasis "Joy in Service," and the three key words: Jesus, Others, Yourself.

Let us then strive to achieve the following three emphases which embody our three keywords:

1. Make Jesus Christ the mainspring of our lives as we strive to grow in Christian maturity. Let us pray constantly that we will be motivated to see others as God sees them and to love them as he loves them. In John 13:34 we read, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

2. Challenge the members of *your* Woman's Baptist Mission Society to participate in each of our three Church World Service Projects: United Clothing Appeal; Share Our Surplus; Cut Garment Project. For details of these projects consult the January, 1961, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. Many stories could be told of parents and children who have been brought out of despair and given a new hope for the future as a result of our participation in these Church World Service Projects for others. To know that people care, can erase unhappiness from a face and place a glow in a heart even in the midst of hardships and discouragements. To see a need, and take it as our own; to lose oneself in some heroic task, is placing love upon the motive throne.

What about clothing? When trying to decide whether clothing is of sufficient quality to contribute to the United Church Appeal, ask yourself, "would I wear it?" If the answer is "yes," contribute it.

What about shoes? Men's shoes, work shoes especially, are needed. Children's shoes come in handy for youngsters who have spent their entire lives in refugee camps. Women's shoes, sizes five and larger, are needed, but do not send shoes with open toes, high heels, or without backs. All shoes should be tied together in pairs.

Be sure to send eight cents per pound to cover handling charges, as stated in the January, 1961, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, page 21.

3. Plan to become a better leader by attending a training conference, either the National Women's Conference, state house party, or association conference. As an informed leader you are better equipped to inspire women to seek avenues of service. The 1962-1963 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will require that vice-presidents of Christian Service become alert to the social frontiers of our day and to the ways by which they are to be met.

Our Service . . . measure of our human days;

Our Means . . . to help the neediest in his ways;

Our Hearts . . . through our petition and our praise;

All, all are His.

Sweaters for Hong Kong

Faith combined with a concern for others led June Gates (Mrs. Elbert Gates, Jr.) to share, with some of her friends in the National Council of American Baptist Women, her knowledge of a need in Hong Kong. Since she is a former national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, she knows Baptist women well and knows their willingness to rise to a challenge.

"Could you supply six hundred sweaters for a Foundling Home in Hong Kong?" wrote Mrs. Gates. Indiana women under the leadership of the vice-president of Christian Service, Mrs. Joe Lines, said, "Yes!" The wheels of publicity began to roll. Redlands, California, Westfield, New Jersey, and White Plains, New York, heard of the appeal and wanted to help. The result has been overwhelming. The most recent reports indicate that two thousand sweaters have arrived in Hong Kong and deliveries continue.

In addition to meeting the current needs at the orphanage, sweaters have been distributed at many other

points. But people are still clamoring for them, and five or even ten thousand more could be used.

On January 17, 1961, a fire in a shack village left eleven thousand refugees homeless. With her husband, who is director of Church World Service in Hong Kong, Mrs. Gates helped in distributing food and supplies.

This great need for sweaters among the refugees led the board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women to vote at the February, 1961, meeting to make this a continuing project. A wonderful example has been set and now all states are invited to participate. You may send new or good used sweaters in any size. When sweaters are mailed in September or October they reach Hong Kong ahead of the cold weather. Mail to: Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr., 11 B Cambridge Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Hong Kong is an open port—there is no duty.



June Gates presents Mrs. Walton Tonge, matron of a Hong Kong orphanage, with a mound of sweaters shipped to her by American Baptist women.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience, the titles of books on Personal Enrichment, listed in the new edition of "Literature Highlights" are printed here with the Key to Ordering. Request your chairman of Literature to see the copy of "Literature Highlights" which will be sent to her by the state and association chairman of Literature during the month of May.

(5)	The Reconciling Gospel	\$1.50
(5)	Meet Mrs. Jones	\$1.00
(5)	Time to Speak Up	\$3.50
(5)	Stewardship for Today's Woman	\$1.75
(5)	Confronting Christ	\$3.00
(18)	The Church Woman. Annual subscription	\$1.00
(24)	Christianity and Communism	\$3.50
(5)	One Mark of Greatness	\$1.50
(24)	How to Help Groups Make Decisions ..	\$1.00

¹ Key to Ordering:

- (5) American Baptist Bookstores.
- (18) United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.
- (24) Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

Workers Together

As vice-presidents we must keep an over-all picture of the work of each chairman in our division. Let us have a oneness of purpose as we work together. Unless we perform Divine service with every willing act of our life, we never perform it at all.

→ Does each chairman of Love Gift have a Love Gift Kit? The kit is filled with valuable material. What about the new Love Gift boxes? Many have found great blessing in this method and have discovered that their gifts have increased. Oh, that we might catch the spirit of the Telugu women as they put money into their clay banks. It is a sacrificial gift; it is given out of the gratitude of their hearts for God's goodness to them. When we compare the abundance we have with their humble existence, we wonder how we can give so little.

→ Are you looking for a White Cross program? You will find one in the 1961-1962 Program Packet, "You Are Witnesses." Personalize your White Cross work. Study about the missionaries who will receive it and become acquainted with the special kind of work they are doing. You will find a new dimension in White Cross as you walk the dusty streets of a village or the halls of an immaculate hospital with those missionaries.

→ "A Christian Social Relations Mosaic," this is the intriguing title of the new manual explaining the various areas of work under this chairman. You will glean ideas of how you can participate in Christian Social Relations and also learn of sources of information. Special ideas have been listed for business and professional groups. This new piece of literature will be ready for sale at the Portland convention. Be sure you secure your copy.

What Does the Lord Require of Me?

"... to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." The program of the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, July 8-15, 1961, will be focused on the Division of Christian Service. Be sure to study the program folder for the conference sent to the vice-president of Christian Training in your society by the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

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To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: MARGARET DARLING (Mrs. George R. Darling)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 448 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio



Our Driveways!

Do you remember the blizzard or the blizzards of last winter? The snow smoothed and rounded all contours. The trees and shrubs were a frosty lacework. The boys made fortresses and caves; the girls carved angels on the banks.

It was so easy to enjoy this winter wonderland—snug as a bug in a rug, just sitting and rocking and doing nothing! And why not? The driveway was snowbound. To be sure the streets were clear; the snowplow had made it safe and easy to travel. It was really just that driveway that kept us useless and satisfied! All we needed to do was to get out of our own driveways and then we could go anywhere we chose.

Did you wonder with me: Is it only my driveway that is snowbound? Am I hiding behind a snowdrift to keep from helping a case in need or perhaps using it as an excuse for not accepting leadership or even for not being a good follower?

We do, indeed, need to get out of our own driveways and onto the clear highway of service.

Emphases for 1961-1962

The aim of the Division of Christian Service during 1961-1962 is to see "**Some Signs of Progress.**" This aim will be realized only if every chairman of Love Gift gets into the act by concentrating upon the following emphases:

1. Every . . . American Baptist woman using a Love Gift box.
2. Every . . . local chairman of Love Gift emphasizing the importance of the Love Gift; stressing monthly openings of boxes with a dedication service; and promptly sending a report each month to her association chairman of Love Gift.
3. Every . . . association chairman of Love Gift keeping in constant touch with her local counterpart, passing materials and ideas on to her; communicating with her local chairman if she does not receive a report from her each month; and in turn sending her association's monthly report to the state chairman of Love Gift.
4. Every . . . state chairman of Love Gift keeping the channels open to the association chairmen of Love Gift, and urging them to keep the channels open to the local chairmen of Love Gift; being diligent in correspondence and interested in each circle and society in her state; and sending a report each month to the national chairman of Love Gift in order to make her state

eligible for placement on the National Love Gift Honor Roll.

5. Every . . . local, association, and state chairman of Love Gift owning as part of her essential tools a Love Gift Kit, which not only includes a manual with valuable background information concerning the history of the Love Gift but also programs of varying lengths for use in monthly dedication services.¹

Let each one of us resolve to accept such part of these emphases as applies to her specific part of the total work! Then together we will draw upon our untapped resources.

It will be real progress when we can report that every local society, association, and state has set its own Love Gift Goal. Has your society set its Love Gift Goal?

Why Love Gift Goals?

→ You all, doubtless, know that in 1932 the Love Gift was originated to meet a deficit in the budget of the American Baptist Convention.

→ A Goal of \$150,000 was set and exceeded!

→ Today we have Love Gift goals because there continues to be a great need to maintain the American Baptist world mission.

→ We should keep a goal before us. A goal can be a beacon light directing our forward movement. High goals challenge us to do our best. Low goals hold no incentive.

→ The National Love Gift Goal for 1961 is \$600,000. To exceed this goal it will be necessary for everyone to do her part.

Portland, Oregon

If you are going to the American Baptist Convention in June, 1961, you will wish to attend the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, and the division luncheons. You will also wish to be present at the afternoon program on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961.

Be sure to make your reservation early for the luncheon for the Division of Christian Service.

¹ Order from American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 169 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri. Price, \$1.25.

A tenth anniversary progress report of Love Gift, 1951-1961, will be presented on Woman's Day. The amount of Love Gift received in 1960 will be announced. Anticipation is welling up within all of us who are eager to know the total of the over and above contributions made by American Baptist women in their support of the total world mission of the American Baptist Convention.

Love Gift Honor Roll

States Reporting Regularly

Arizona	Minnesota
Northern California	Nebraska
Southern California	Nevada
Colorado	New Hampshire
Connecticut	New Jersey
North Dakota	New York
South Dakota	Ohio
Idaho	Oregon
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Utah
Kansas	Vermont
Maine	Washington
Massachusetts	West Virginia
Michigan	Wisconsin
	Wyoming

There is only one requirement necessary for a state to be included in the National Love Gift Honor Roll: the state chairman must send a report each month to the national chairman of Love Gift. The report does not necessarily need to be complete: just a report once a month each month. That's all!

Anniversary Issue

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women, a former national chairman of Love Gift is sending a message to all chairmen of Love Gift through this anniversary issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Mrs. Lester P. Wager, national chairman of Love Gift, 1955-1956 to 1958-1959, writes as follows:

"A dream had come true! The hundreds of women in the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York, on June 11, 1951, were aware that by their action every American Baptist woman became a member of one national organization which included all areas of American Baptist women's work. In dedication we pledged, 'We offer now our lives and ask Thy blessing upon the National Council of American Baptist Women, upon its officers and board members, upon every American Baptist woman, and upon the missionaries in whom we invest our prayers and our giving.'

"Our giving was demonstrated that day in the presentation of the Love Gifts and the announcement that the total Love Gift for 1950-1951 was \$363,957. How thankful we were that the gifts had increased year by year! I had the privilege of sharing through the promotion of Love Gifts in New York State. A thought passed through my mind. Perhaps one day the Love Gift will exceed a half million dollars!

"God has plans far beyond our own. In 1956, American Baptist women achieved that dream with a Love Gift of \$516,813, a fitting announcement for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Love Gift.

"Love surpasses one goal only to set a higher goal. The Love Gift for the year 1959 was \$573,291. We hope when the 1960 Love Gift is revealed on Woman's Day, in Portland, Oregon, the total announced will be \$600,000. And as we continue to respond to God's call may the amount of the Love Gift continue to climb!"

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"Literature Highlights"

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(5)-(13) Love Gift Kit, including primer	\$1.25
(5)-(13) Love Gift Primer	\$0.25
(5)-(13) The Greatest of These, a play, Curtain Time Series, No. 6	\$0.25
(5)-(13) Love Finds A Way, a play, Curtain Time Series, No. 1	\$0.25
(7)-(13) An Open Letter, a leaflet	Free
(7)-(13) Love Gift boxes	Free
(2) Foreign Mission Map, Centers of work and stories of fields	\$0.75
(3) Home Missions Maps, set of four	..	\$0.50

Now Is the Hour . . .

To make plans to attend the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961.

The spotlight will be focused on the Division of Christian Service. Study the program folder for the National Women's Conference sent to your local vice-president of Christian Training by the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

² Key to Ordering:

(2) American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

(3) American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

(5) American Baptist Bookstores. Please refer to footnote one on page 23 for addresses.

(7) Your Baptist State and City Offices.

(13) Department of Literature, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: DOROTHY BAHR (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)
National Chairman of White Cross
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 611 North Grand Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin



Tenth Anniversary

Can you remember how you felt on the tenth anniversary of your birthday? Not many of us can. But it is easier for us to describe our feelings as White Cross workers on the tenth anniversary of the founding of the National Council of American Baptist Women, which we are celebrating in June, 1961. We are happy about the closer co-ordination of White Cross work made possible for the past ten years through the National Council of American Baptist Women.

The anniversary celebration will be held on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in the Memorial Coliseum in Portland, Oregon. Will you be there to hear Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, our first president, tell of our past achievements and our hopes for the years to come, and to see the candles lighted on the huge birthday cake? If at all possible don't miss either the morning or the afternoon session.

Come, also, to the Division luncheon at twelve o'clock. We shall have an hour and a half in which to get acquainted. At the luncheon tables there will be an opportunity also to become acquainted with some of our missionaries.

Convention is the time that means much to me in terms of the opportunity to meet local, association, and state White Cross workers who actually carry forward this meaningful service for our American Baptist world mission.

Emphases for 1961-1962

The goal of the Division of Christian Service for 1961-1962 is to see "Some Signs of Progress."

The emphases for the chairmen of White Cross are:

1. Prepare yourself.

→ Undergird the total work with prayer.

→ Get the whole outline of your assignment before you. List materials needed, and estimate the cost. Assemble sources of information: such as, the Manual; the Overland and Overseas Bulletins; and the White Cross pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Patterns are available through association or state chairmen. Know how each item is to be made. Keep packing slips, shipping tags, and report sheets from the double Quota-Report sheets in workbook for use as needed.

→ Plan sufficient time that the work may be done well.

2. Picture the White Cross family tree.

→ Think of the local women who will be preparing the Quota. How can you help them to do it well and to feel its importance in the total mission of the church?

→ Think of your counterparts who are working with you. How will you communicate with them so that together White Cross may be advanced?

→ Visualize the missionaries who will receive your quota. Pen sketches (available through the state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries or home or foreign mission societies) will carry a picture and a brief biography. Letters received from missionaries could be read at White Cross meetings.

→ Picture the field to which the quota will be sent. This may be done with maps, pictures clipped from the *Crusader*, *Missions Magazine*, or such periodicals as *Geographic*, *Holiday*, *Life*, or the newspapers.

3. Don't rely on memory for mailing boxes.

→ All boxes for home missionaries are mailed directly to the missionary named on the quota. (Be sure to check and double check, please!)

→ Boxes for Haiti, sent through Church World Service but destined for Pastor Kelly and our Baptist work, should be reported on a post card sent to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York City 10, New York, to assure delivery to Pastor Kelly.

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→ Overseas quotas for the Philippines are mailed directly to the Mission named on the quota.

→ Overseas quotas for Assam, India, Burma, and Congo are sent to the shipper as directed on your quota. The money to help defray cost of shipping (thirty-five cents per pound) is sent separately to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

4. Offer to help.

Each year many new women begin White Cross work. Facts regarding the work that seem obvious to an experienced chairman are not known or realized by newcomers who are recruited to White Cross. You will be helping not only them, but the larger work as well when you explain the work in detail.

Honor Roll

Do you have any idea how much you have done through White Cross? As each American Baptist woman has done her share in this service, the total, both in terms of supplies and intangible witness, has been inspiring. In the fall, 1961, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, an honor roll will be printed, showing the names of those who have been White Cross workers for twenty-five years or more.

Important: *If you have done White Cross for twenty-five years or more, send your name and the number of years to your state chairman and she will forward the information to me.*

Background on White Cross

Can you remember the early years of White Cross? We are told that it was after World War I that American Baptist women thought that the work they had done to help in the war effort might well be continued to help on the mission fields. The idea met with enthusiastic response both from local workers, our national women's mission societies, and from the missionaries. Recall the missionary speeches describing the boxes winding their way up the Yangtze River to West China through flood waters and bullets, to reach the hospitals with their invaluable contents unharmed, due to the loving care with which they were prepared, packed, and shipped. China has been cut off from our White Cross supplies, but not from our prayers, for we know there are still faithful Chinese Christian nationals and countless millions of others in China who need Christ.

When China was cut off from our supply list, new avenues of service opened. White Cross needs increased on some of our home mission fields, and hospital and educational wants grew on the Overseas fields. Also the refugees streaming out of troubled areas to safety created a growing need for relief services. To help in this situation, Church World Service was organized. While this is not considered White Cross, there are instances, such as Haiti, where the two work hand in hand.

With the rising tide of nationalism and the formation of many self-governing nations, the White Cross program has had to be adapted to meet the varying customs regulations which have been set up, and which have resulted sometimes in high import duty requirements. It has required wisdom, patience, and interpretation to meet these problems. In fact, one year in order to cover the duty charged on items sent to supply our hospitals in South India, local societies

made a contribution of twenty-five cents for each member. However it is now possible to resume shipments to India and medical supplies are now shipped to Assam and South India duty free.

Recently White Cross helped in Cordova, Alaska, where a fire on July 4, 1960, destroyed our American Baptist church, residence for staff, and Christian center. Last year a devastating hurricane created an emergency at Mather School, which was partially met through White Cross.

Now we are shipping supplies to help in the Protestant Medical Relief program for the Congo. Dr. Glen Tuttle, an American Baptist missionary, who heads this agency, has already received six tons of White Cross supplies, with twenty-seven more cases en route.

How have we accomplished so much in the face of these obstacles and with so little outlay of large sums? The vision of our leaders, both staff and lay women, has guided us to reach beyond ourselves and our own concerns out into the communities about us and far around the world. Staff leaders during the past ten years have been: Mrs. Milo Wenger, Miss Dorothy Bucklin, and Mrs. Grace Panka of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies; Dr. Irene A. Jones, Miss Elizabeth Marsh, Mrs. Philip Curtis, and Mrs. Frank Sharp of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Former national chairmen of White Cross were:

Mrs. J. B. Schwitzgebel—Kansas—1951-1953.

Mrs. Paul R. Gleason—New York—1953-1956.

Mrs. A. T. Brownell—Illinois—1956-1959.

Each of us, in our own time and generation, has used White Cross as a way of service for Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And yet as we feel a sense of accomplishment for the things of the past years, let us not fail to pray for vision to move forward with each new day, serving those in the world around us through this special form of witness to our faith.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience, the following items listed in "Literature Highlights" are printed here, with Key to Ordering.¹ They will help you to tell the story of White Cross:

(2) Two Dedication Services	\$0.10
(2) A Woman's Honor	\$0.10
(2) Mrs. Roving Reporter (new)	\$0.10
(2) White Cross Parables (new)	\$0.10
(2) Twice Blessed	\$0.10
(2) White Cross Chatter	\$0.10
(12) With Our Hands, filmstrip	\$5.00

For exhibit suggestions, refer to the 1961 winter issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, page 26.

LOCAL CHAIRMEN

Write your name Address Name of Church on the Report Sheet attached to the Quota Blank which is filled out for each missionary as the boxes are sent, and then attached to the local report which is sent to the association chairmen.

¹ Key to Ordering:

(2) American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

(12) Department of Baptist Films, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: OLIVE TILLER (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)
National Chairman of Christian Social Relations
Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 2418—59th Place, Cheverly, Maryland



Emphases for 1961-1962

In this tenth anniversary year of the National Council of American Baptist Women, the aim of the Division of Christian Service is to see "Some Signs of Progress." In accordance with this objective and in contrast to the several broad goals set forth during 1960-1961, only a few emphases are being suggested for chairmen of Christian Social Relations for 1961-1962. This does not mean, of course, that we are dropping any of our previous activities, but rather that we are placing the emphasis during the year 1961-1962 on selected activities.

1. Seek training.

The program of the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961, is to be pointed especially toward the work of the chairmen of Christian Social Relations, in preparation for the fourth year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, 1962-1963, when the theme is "Mission to the Social Frontiers." Advance training in the Leadership Training emphasis for that year will be offered as a pilot project. It is most important for you to avail yourself of this opportunity for training in your area of work.

Through the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training the program folder for the National Women's Conference has been sent to the local vice-president of Christian Training. Request to see the copy for your Woman's Society.

Training conferences in your state and association will help you in your job, too.

2. Stress interest and participation in good government.

This may be at the local, county, state, or national level—or all four. Delegate Margaret C. Schweinhaut, chairman of the Maryland Governor's Commission on Problems of the Aging, declares, "The greatest sin of Americans is committed by women. They will not, as a group, accept responsibility for government."

It is time we dispelled the notion that it is degrading to participate in political matters. Congresswoman Edith Green, of Oregon, said at the Convocation on the Mission of the Church, held in Minneapolis in January, 1961: "Politics never degrades anyone who has not already degraded it." Mrs. Green also said that during one recent calendar year, her office had a total of only two contacts with any church or church group

regarding pending legislation, and one of those was at her own initiation!

The voice of the church people is not being heard by our lawmakers. Let us make it heard! You can help to accomplish this by writing to your Congressman expressing yourself as a Christian.

3. Sponsor or participate in some work for senior citizens.

This year marked the first White House Conference on the Aging. The findings of that Conference indicate that there are great reservoirs of knowledge, training, interest, time, and energy going unused among our increasing numbers of older citizens; the findings urge that churches and other institutions make provision for the development and use of those resources.

Perhaps your response will be in the establishment of a group within your own church; or it may be in participating in an interchurch group for retired persons. Or perhaps it might be in representing the church in a community-wide "core group" of citizens interested in such activity.

4. Undertake at least one new Christian Social Relations project.

This means a project that is new to your group, one in which you have not engaged before. It might be selected from among those that have been suggested in the past: such as, participation in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF program; sponsorship of a refugee family; engaging in a program of continuing relationships with overseas students; participation in interracial activities; development of a group for the aging; giving friendship and aid to migrants; or some other project of your own choice.

"Literature Highlights"

The 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights" will be sent, during the month of May, through your state and association chairmen of Literature to the chairman of Literature in the local Woman's Society. Does every chairman of Christian Social Relations secure the listing for her section from her chairman of Literature? Since the items so listed are the tools needed for the effective performance of the task, it is essential to know what they are and how they may be procured. Listed here are the literature helps which are of the most current value in the field of Christian Social Relations.

The parenthetical number preceding each item refers to the Key to Ordering.¹

- (5) A Christian Social Relations Mosaic. New handbook for all chairmen of Christian Social Relations. Available, June 1, 1961 \$0.25
- (8) American Baptist Convention Resolutions \$0.15
- (8) The Bible Calls for Action \$1.00
- (8) Register Christian Opinion. Congressional directory to aid in action \$0.10
- (8) The Church and Politics, one copy free, per 100 copies \$1.00
- (1) So, You Are a Chairman of Christian Social Relations, one copy free, per 100 .. \$2.00
- (8) Pamphlets on United Nations Free
- (8) This You Can Do in Social Education ... \$0.15
- (1) Around the World by Group Conversation \$0.25
- (9) Race and Conscience in America \$0.50
- (9) Racial Integration in the Church \$0.50
- (9) Christian Friendliness Checklist Free
- (9) Destination America! Refugee Program . Free
- (9) Mission for World Understanding through International Christian Youth Exchange Free
- (5) This Is What We Found. A white father and son from Little Rock \$1.00

A Look Back and a Look Ahead

Ten years of existence as a national organization give us perspective in viewing our work, and help us to decide what our future direction should be.

Mrs. Kenneth Crawford, national chairman of Christian Social Relations from 1954-1955 to 1955-1956, has this to say as she reflects upon the history and the meaning of this work:

"To me the Christian Social Relations program is living and practicing Christianity. Wherever we live, in small or large communities, there are needs to be met that are suggested by the program. Because of the variety of communities, the program makes a variety of suggestions, knowing that every society is not in a position to do everything. It is because of these varieties that many local chairmen become frustrated. They think they must accomplish all suggestions, instead of choosing what is best suited to their situation. I hope that it will not be too long before this is better understood.

"Also I hope that through the Baptist Jubilee Advance program American Baptist women will catch a better idea and a broader vision of how Christian Social Relations touches their everyday lives. It gives all of us the opportunity to put Christianity into practice."

¹ Key to Ordering:

- (1) National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.
- (5) American Baptist Bookstores.
- (8) Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.
- (9) Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Public Opinion

Your opinion counts! Why not take stationery and postage to your next circle meeting and spend ten minutes writing brief notes to the Committee on Foreign Relations, expressing support and approval of the United Nations. Address your communications to: Hon. J. W. Fulbright, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

UN We Believe



Stamp-size seals, like the one at the left, are useful in creating an awareness of the United Nations. Use of such seals is an affirmation of our belief in the principles and purposes of the United Nations. These attractive seals can be used effectively on letters, programs, invitations, and placecards. They

may be obtained from: UN WE BELIEVE, 33 East 48th Street, New York 17, New York. Price, 100 for \$1.00; 500 for \$4.00; 1,000 for \$7.00.

May Fellowship Day

→ Date: Friday, May 5, 1961.

→ Theme: "The Churches: Free and Responsible." Order your packet without delay from the P and D, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, fifty cents each for one or two packets; forty cents each for three or more.

Refugees

A new publication, "Homeless No More," by Sonia Grodka and Gerhard Hennes, has been published by Church World Service. It gives a critical review of the resettlement record achieved by 113,000 refugees sponsored by Church World Service during the past fifteen years. It is available from P and D, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Price, \$1.00.

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To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: OLGA BELL (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)

National Vice-President of Christian Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 325 West Cambridge, Phoenix 3, Arizona



Emphases for 1961-1962

This year five important emphases are recommended to the vice-presidents of Christian Training. Each emphasis is important, requiring advance preparation, detailed procedure, and dedicated service. My prayers will unite with yours that each activity may be planned adequately and to the purpose that women may witness more effectively in the world.

The five emphases follow:

1. Hold three division meetings during the year.

→ You are the executive officer of the Division of Christian Training and you initiate the meetings. If you believe in their importance and necessity, so will the chairmen in your division.

→ You may wish to stress this slogan: "Division means addition." Division meetings mean the addition of: fellowship, inspiration and encouragement, new ideas, correlation of activities, and long-range planning.

→ You can help the division to become a channel, not only from the association Division of Christian Training but to the circle counterparts.

2. Initiate the PREP program.

The PREP (Planning the Right Education Program for our children) Program is an evening meeting sponsored jointly by the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the Men's Fellowship, and the Board of Christian Education of your church.

→ Call the PREP Planning Committee together. The committee is made up of the vice-president of Christian Training and the chairman of Family Life from the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, the executive vice-president and the chairman of Growth from the Men's Fellowship, and the Student Counselor from the Board of Christian Education.

→ The committee elects its own chairman and assigns duties. Using the PREP program from the program packet of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, (this program is included also in the Program Planning Guide for American Baptist Men) the committee should determine the tentative date for the evening meeting and the amount of the contribution to be requested from the three sponsoring organizations.

→ The vice-president of Christian Training will present the request for the date for the evening meeting to the

Program Committee and the financial request to the Budget Committee of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

→ If the PREP Planning Committee asks you to order the materials listed in the program guide, secure the filmstrip from your State Office and the pamphlets from the state vice-president of Christian Training. Materials will be available after October 1, 1961.

→ This is the first jointly sponsored meeting attempted by the Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the Men's Fellowship. Do all you possibly can to insure its success.

3. Promote Attendance at the National Women's Conference.

This year the vice-president of Christian Training has been designated as the person to promote attendance at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961. The theme is, "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" Registration fee is ten dollars. The charge for room and board varies according to the accommodations requested. The Conference program folder forwarded to local vice-presidents of Christian Training through the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training gives detailed information. Be sure the members of your society see the program folder for the National Women's Conference.

You should know these facts:

(a) The attendance goal is five hundred.

(b) Special training will be given to chairmen of Christian Social Relations, vice-presidents of Christian Service, and chairmen of Leadership Training; therefore, urge and encourage these leaders to attend. The training emphasis is related to the fourth year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

(c) The conference will be helpful to all women who are related to women's work, whether in the local society, the association, or the state Woman's Society.

4. Give Added Emphasis to CHEC (The Christian Higher Education Challenge).

Remind the members of your society of the importance of keeping their CHEC pledges up to date.

→ At your society meeting, report regularly the amount of money sent in for CHEC by your church as compared with the amount pledged. This information may be secured from your church treasurer or by writing to

CHEC (The Christian Higher Education Challenge), 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

→ Urge the members of your society to use CHEC envelopes in making payments. Envelopes may be secured from the church treasurer.

→ Use the new film, "Forward Through CHEC," a twenty-minute sound, color film, which tells how CHEC dollars have been put to work. Available on September 1, 1961, from CHEC Councilors and from the Baptist Film Libraries.

→ Keep informed about Christian higher education by reading articles from denominational publications. Share this information at society and circle meetings.

5. Interpret and promote the Scholarship Program of the State Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

→ Make certain that the young people of your church know about the scholarships that are available to them from your state Woman's Society.

→ Provide your society with information regarding those to whom scholarships have been awarded.

→ Urge your society to contribute to the scholarship fund.

If your society has designated someone other than the vice-president of Christian Training to be responsible for the scholarship program, then your responsibility will be to channel to the proper person or persons the scholarship information and materials sent to you.

"Literature Highlights"

The following titles of books on Personal Enrichment, listed in "Literature Highlights" are printed here with the Key to Ordering¹ for your convenience. These books are of special interest to vice-presidents.

(5) The Reconciling Gospel	\$1.50
(5) Meet Mrs. Jones	\$1.00
(5) Time to Speak Up	\$3.50
(5) Stewardship for Today's Woman	\$1.75
(5) Confronting Christ	\$3.00
(18) The Church Woman, annual subscription .	\$1.00
(24) Christianity and Communism	\$3.50
(5) One Mark of Greatness	\$1.50
(24) How to Help Groups Make Decisions	\$1.00

Ten Years of Achievement

The National Council of American Baptist Women is ten years old this year. The anniversary occasion will be highlighted in Portland, Oregon, on June 14, 1961, which is Woman's Day. The women in attendance will be thinking of the years that have passed and those yet to come.

¹ Key to Ordering:

- (5) American Baptist Bookstores.
- (18) United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.
- (24) Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

We, who at this time serve as officers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, are aware always that we build on the past, and, therefore, are ever grateful to the women who preceded us. Two former vice-presidents of Christian Training have written concerning their dreams in relation to our area of work.

Mrs. John Walker, national vice-president of Christian Training from 1952-1953 to 1955-1956, writes:

"Looking back, I remember well many questions, much confusion, and many women who were anxious to learn about the reorganization of women's work. In an unbelievably short time the questions changed from 'What do I do as vice-president of Christian Training?' to 'How can I better do this job?' The dream was realized even with new responsibilities added.

"My prediction is that the Division of Christian Training will continue to remain the very foundation of our women's work."

Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs, national vice-president of Christian Training, from 1956-1957 to 1958-1959, writes:

"What were my dreams as I went into office? Probably, first, was my prayer that I, my division chairmen and my counterparts (our Christian training team, I called it) might grow in wisdom as to the full meaning of Christian training; that we might enlarge our understanding of the needs of women; that we might become familiar with the finest of new skills in group work; that we might be sensitive to the potential within each person; and that our commitment be Christ-centered.

"Another dream was to move our preparation of a program emphasis upstream time-wise so that materials would be received in the society well in advance of their need for preparation.

"A third dream was to integrate, use, and expand for our membership the denomination's annual emphasis and themes.

"One dream has not yet become a reality: my dream that materials and suggestions from the National Council of American Baptist Women serve only as a suggestion to local leaders and that every society use its creative ability to bring its programs to life. Too many of us in the local society still want to be spoon-fed, rather than take time to search for and use ideas and methods which will involve our audience.

"I predict that if we continue to be as eager for the best as current progress in our work indicates, we're going to move well to the fore in Christian women's work."

Portland, Oregon

If it is possible for you to be in Portland, Oregon, for Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, be sure to attend the Division of Christian Training luncheon.

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To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: MILDRED KREAGER (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)

National Chairman of Spiritual Life

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 4349 Crawford Drive, Madison 5, Wisconsin



Emphases for 1961-1962

For the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

1. Thank God that he has chosen to use you to tell the Good News and pray for his direction. (John 17:20).

2. Seek renewal and spiritual growth through:

(a) The discipline of daily study of the Bible. The Good News of the Gospel becomes ours as we immerse ourselves in the Biblical account of God's plan to redeem mankind. Let us humbly and seriously examine ourselves and our church in the light of the Word of God. Let us pray for new insight into what it means to be a witness in the world, to recognize and *dare to follow* the implications of the Cross, and to reflect in every area of our daily life and work the Spirit of Christ.

(b) Depth Bible Study. Use "Guide for Depth Bible Study," prepared by Mrs. Walter Schultz, available at all American Baptist bookstores.

(c) Prayer. Study prayers, like those of John Baille, in *A Diary of Private Prayer*; reread *Two or Three Together* by Freer and Hall.

(d) Devotional reading. Use *The Secret Place* and *Book of Remembrance*, and write to me, enclosing ten cents to cover mailing costs, for a list of books for private and group devotion.

3. Suggest plans to make the worship period of the Woman's Society meaningful. A chairman of Spiritual Life understands the need for helping the members in the circle and in the society to catch "a glimpse of God." A chairman of Spiritual Life identifies herself with the women so that the plans are intelligent and workable.

4. Keep the members of your Woman's Society informed regarding the program for the third-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, "Mission to the Unchurched." You are a member of the Interpretation Committee, which includes also the Fellowship Chairman of the American Baptist Men, and the Christian Witness Chairman of the B.Y.F. It is important for you to encourage the participation of the women in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and to assist the leaders of your Woman's Society to plan and to carry through phases of the Society's program related to the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Specific areas in which you will give guidance, leadership, and encouragement to the members of your Woman's Society are outlined in the "Guide for the Third Year Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance," which may be ordered from the Division of

Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, twenty cents.

Tenth Anniversary

On Woman's Day in Portland, Oregon, on June 14, 1961, the National Council of American Baptist Women will celebrate its tenth anniversary. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, the first president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, will give the anniversary address. Division luncheons will be held at twelve o'clock, and at two o'clock "Lower Than the Angels" will be presented by the Redlands Drama Trio.

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"Literature Highlights"

Request your chairman of Literature to show you the 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights."

For your convenience a few titles of important books are listed here. Order from Baptist bookstores.

The Reconciling Gospel	\$1.50
Jeremiah, Prophet to the Nations	\$1.00
Devotional Programs About People and Places	\$2.00
Life Together	\$3.25
Prisoner for God	\$2.00
Guide for Depth Bible Study	\$0.25

Study the National Women's Conference Program folder sent to your vice-president of Christian Training.

Prayer Calls for 1961-1962

For Our Mission Needs During . . .

May

Bible Book: 1 Samuel

Pray for our churches and home mission agencies as they engage in studies to ascertain more clearly the conditions existing in their areas, and pray that they will undertake with courage and faith new fields of ministries.

Pray for thousands of non-Christians who will hear the invitation to accept Christ, and pray that they may respond to the call.

Pray that through our program, "You Are Witnesses," we may all become more keenly aware of opportunities to be a witness where we stand.

June

Bible Book: 1 Corinthians

Pray that the renewal of the church may manifest itself by recovering its purpose as a true servant in the world.

Pray for the student gospel teams which spend vacations in village evangelism and religious education.

Pray for the tenth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, June 14, 1961, Portland, Oregon, with its theme: "You Are Witnesses—Where You Are."

July

Bible Books: Ezra and Nehemiah

Pray for the work and workers in Christian Centers overseas.

Pray for Cuba that Cuban Baptists may continue their witness for Christ and that their plans for further development of the Cuban Baptist Convention will be blessed.

Pray that through attendance at house parties, conferences, and workshops, we may receive new understanding of the program theme, "You Are Witnesses."

August

Bible Books: 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Pray for pastors in Latin American churches, that their leadership will bring a stability to their churches and an effective witnessing.

Pray for missionaries in the Congo, those of other denominations as well as our own, and for loyal Congolese co-workers.

Pray that we may establish a new quality of face-to-face Christian fellowship and concern for one another through the circles.

September

Bible Book: Isaiah

Pray for God's guidance for leaders who are charged with meeting the needs of the people in the midst of industrial and political changes in Asian and African lands.

Pray for the expanded ministry to service personnel through our Alaskan churches in Anchorage and Kodiak.

Pray that through Every-Family Visitation that families will renew their covenant with God, seeking to be witnesses in every facet of life.

October

Bible Book: Romans

Pray for those attending women's conferences and house parties in tropical countries, and give thanks for their vision and sacrifice. (The 1959 Love Gifts of Baptist women in the Philippines went to the Karens in Thailand.)

Pray for the Indian American Christians that they may be encouraged in the fine leadership which they are developing.

Pray that through the Bible study of Jeremiah during the fall of 1961 that many may be encouraged to prepare for the responsibility of witnessing.

November

Bible Book: Ezekiel

Pray for the new converts in countries where profession of Christian faith brings persecution, and give thanks for freedom of religion.

Pray for refugees in hard core situations, that solutions and new homes may be found where freedom again can be theirs.

Pray with thanksgiving for the continuance of the renewal that has taken place in your church, and with concern for those yet unreached by the Gospel.

December

Bible Book: John

Pray for the missionary families that during this Christmas season must be separated as the children remain in schools in the United States.

Pray for overseas students that American Baptists may share in friendship, mutual respect, and awareness of helpful international ties.

Pray that families within the church may open their doors during this Christmas season to the lonely, the forgotten, the newcomer, and all who have need of a family.

January

Bible Book: Consult Missions Magazine.

Pray for the hundreds of women's prayer groups: Chinese, Karen, Congolese, Filipino, Indian, Burmese, and Japanese prayer groups.

Pray for our agencies as they move to Valley Forge that essential workers for the offices—secretaries, stenographers, typists, and clerks—may be found with skill and dedication for the work which only they can perform.

Pray that through the Schools of Evangelism, held in American Baptist churches during the spring of 1962, each woman may discover—or recover—her mission to be a daily witness of God's redeeming love.

February

Bible Book: Consult Missions Magazine.

Pray for God's guidance in leadership given by pastors' wives overseas and give thanks for their leadership.

Pray for home-mission schools in the United States and in Latin America that their goals for training young people as Christian leaders in their chosen vocations may be met.

Pray that women, who are newcomers, in attending meetings of the circles and of the Woman's Society may be reached for the Kingdom of God.

March

Bible Book: Consult Missions Magazine.

Pray for laymen and laywomen as they return to their churches, following specialized training in institutes and conferences, to give a Christian witness and to train others.

Pray for Baptist homes and hospitals as they minister to, and develop fellowship for older citizens and create an atmosphere of Christian family life for children.

Pray that each member of a circle and of a Woman's Society will be led to accept responsibility in the church, the community, the nation, and the world as we become more aware of our Christian concerns on the Social Frontiers.

April

Bible Book: Consult Missions Magazine.

Pray for the many young people of Africa, Congo included, who are studying in the United States, as they face family separation, difference of language, and unaccustomed food problems.

Pray for the youth of our nation, and pray that our churches will respond to their needs.

Pray that each woman will continue to be a witness, not only within the walls of the church but wherever she is.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: MARGARET TRIMMER (Mrs. Francis W. Trimmer)

National Chairman of Family Life

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 718 Bexley Road,
West Lafayette, Indiana



Emphases for 1961-1962

Three emphases only, but each one is important!

1. Serve as a member of your local church PREP Committee.

Work with the committee to interest families of the church in attending the Training Program, scheduled for February, 1962. (Refer to the winter, 1961, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for full details.)

PREP stands for Planning the Right Education Program for our children. Just as high school students take college prep courses, PREP will help American Baptist families to send their children through college. Look for the PREP guide in the 1961-1962 program packet.

Your local vice-president of Christian Training is the person who will call the meeting of the PREP Committee. She will order *Time for College* and *Becoming the Parent of a College Student* in time for you to read these booklets prior to the meeting. A filmstrip entitled, "How to Visit a College Campus," will be the basis for discussion of the training program.

Here is an opportunity to work with our denomination in meeting a definite need in family life.

2. Make an effective presentation of the importance of making a will.

Indicate this important matter to the members of your Woman's Society by using the information in the January, 1961 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Watch for material printed in current magazines, such as "What You Should Know About Wills" in *Reader's Digest*, February, 1961. By the first of June, every local chairman of Family Life should have received, through her state and association chairmen of Family Life, a copy of the leaflet, "Peter Didn't Leave a Will," written by Catherine Marshall.

3. Sponsor a Mother's Study Group in Your Church.

Now, as never before, mothers are seeking help in improving their understanding and skill as Christian parents. They not only want to become acquainted with the excellent new materials on the Christian family, but want the opportunity to discuss their problems with other mothers.

For suggestions as to procedure and types of study groups, refer to "Serving Families Through Your Church," by Dr. J. J. Hanson. Order from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut

Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Select for study one of the starred books in the following section, "Literature Highlights."

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience, the titles of items to be listed in the 1961-1962 edition of "Literature Highlights," in the section for the chairmen of Family Life, are printed here with the Key to Ordering.¹

→ For Administration and Program Planning:

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| (15) *Serving Families Through Your Church . | \$0.50 |
| (15) *Family Week Packet and Program Guide | \$0.65 |
| (22) Family Activities with Other Families ... | \$0.75 |

→ For Study Groups

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (5) *Christian Growth in Family Life | \$1.00 |
| (5) *Your Home Can Be Christian | \$1.00 |
| (5) Study Guide for preceding title | \$0.50 |
| (5) *Guideposts to Creative Worship | \$2.50 |
| (4) *Hearthstone Magazine, annual subscrip-
tion | \$3.00 |

→ For Parenthood and Understanding of Children and Youth

- (5) *Public Affairs Pamphlets

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| No. 149—How to Tell Your Child About
Sex | \$0.25 |
| No. 157—Making the Grade as Dad | \$0.25 |
| No. 208—When Parents Grow Old | \$0.25 |
| No. 204—If I Marry Outside My Religion | \$0.25 |

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| (15) Home Dedication Service | \$0.03 |
| (5) *Enjoying the Bible at Home | \$0.50 |
| (5) *Come to Christmas | \$0.75 |
| (5) The Family Fun Book | \$2.95 |
| (5) What Christianity Says About Sex, Love,
and Marriage | \$0.50 |
| (5) *The Changing American Family | \$3.00 |

¹ Key to Ordering:

(4) American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

(5) American Baptist Bookstores.

(15) Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. On orders under one dollar, please add ten cents for postage.

(22) Publication Service, National Board, Y.W.C.A., 600 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, New York.

As we think in terms of witnessing through our vocations, homemaking and family life take on new meaning. Let us look for every opportunity to study, in order to be better witnesses where we are.

National Family Week . . .

May 7-14, 1961

Are you co-operating with the Adult Committee or Family Life Committee of your Board of Education in planning how your church will observe National Family Week?

Have you ordered the Family Week Packet, containing the Program and Resource Guide? (See No. 15 Key to Ordering.)

Will you use the program in the Program and Resource Guide entitled, "What Makes a Family?" This program is written by your national chairman of Family Life to be used in a circle or small society during the month of May.

Woman's Day, June 14, 1961

If you are planning to attend the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, be sure to make plans to attend the luncheon of the Division of Christian Training.

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Other Important Dates

→ July 8-15, 1961—National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Ask your vice-president of Christian Training to see the conference program folder sent to her through her state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

→ July 29-August 5—National Frontier Camp, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

→ August 5-12—National Young Adult Family Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

For information on the last two suggestions, write to Dr. Joseph J. Hanson, Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

White House Conference on the Aging

Important to the chairmen of Family Life in their consideration of the older members of our families are the findings listed as "Policy Statement on Family Life" of the White House Conference on the Aging:

"We affirm our faith in the family as the best method that any society has developed for the propagation, care, and education of children, personality development of its members and for assisting its older members in adapting and adjusting to the process of aging.

"We need to be aware of the fact, however, that the family, like our other institutions, has felt and is feeling the impact of the changes taking place in our society.

"These considerations raise a challenge which can be met most effectively if our efforts are guided by the following principles:

1. Each individual must be encouraged to solve his own problems.

2. Next to individual responsibility the family must help its older members to adapt and adjust to the circumstances of their later years.

3. The community must assume responsibility for helping to meet the problems which are beyond the capacity of the individual and the family. In providing such help, emphasis must be placed on safeguarding the dignity of the individual and the right of the older person to a free choice and self-determination in planning his own future.

4. Persons of all age groups must be helped to understand the meaning of aging and the various stages attendant upon it. It should be recognized that man's potential for change and growth is very great and should not be underestimated. Old age can provide opportunities, not for stagnation, but for inner growth. Whenever a society and its families with support of the prevailing culture can create and sustain mutually supportive relationships between its youth and its elders, old age security rests on its firmest foundation.

5. Community efforts should be directed toward creating a climate of opinion which recognizes the personal dignity and worth of all individuals and which assures for the aging, independent decision making, successful retirement, continued independence and meaningful social roles in the family and community, consistent with capacity.

"To sum up, old age should be regarded as an age of opportunity not only for inner growth but for creative participation in family and community life."

Are you not proud to be in a country where such a Christian attitude has guided the Policy Statement of our national conference on the aged?

Summer Plans

During July and August I shall be visiting the churches of Great Britain with my husband who has been chosen to be the American Baptist representative for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., as a part of the British-American Exchange.

I shall gather material on Family Life Education in England, which I shall share with you on my return.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training



From: CLARA COBER (Mrs. Kenneth Cober)
National Chairman of Leadership Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 618 Forest Road, Wayne, Pennsylvania

Effective Organization

The National Council of American Baptist Women is celebrating its tenth anniversary in June, 1961. The decade just past has witnessed significant changes in women's work, both nationally and locally.

As the National Council of American Baptist Women has organized the womanhood of our churches into a unified and vital force, so also have our churches been uniting their small, unrelated, and often competing groups of women into one unified organization. Today, the accepted name used to describe this larger fellowship of women is the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Our churches have discovered that a unified Woman's Society helps women to:

- Appreciate the whole work of the church and to develop a loyalty that has dimensions of depth and breadth.
- Avoid duplication and competition and thus conserve time and energy, making a more significant service possible.
- Have an opportunity for a broader fellowship and for expanded horizons.
- Marshall greater strength and potential for the achievement of significant objectives.

The pattern of organization, developed by the National Council of American Baptist Women during these past ten years, has proved to be highly effective. This pattern is adaptable to churches of any size and type. Tools and resources are available, and flow to the local society through many channels such as association, state, and national officers, and the printed medium, *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Emphases for 1961-1962

A survey of American Baptist churches, conducted recently in preparation for the Convocation on the Mission of the Church, presented some figures which are heartening to the leaders of women's work. There is a Woman's Society in most churches in the American Baptist Convention, according to this survey: in town and country churches, the percentage is 81.2; in urban churches, 94.8 per cent.

We recognize, however, that more important than simply having a Woman's Society is the need to have a society that functions effectively. That is why we develop a set of emphases each year: emphases to provide every society with a challenge; resources to help the society achieve its greatest potential.

To emphases and resources must be added training. If we are to have an effective Woman's Society with circles which contribute significantly to the aims and to the work of the society, annual training of the total leadership is imperative. Therefore, the emphases recommended to chairmen of Leadership Training for 1961-1962 are seven in number:

1. Hold a Job Analysis Workshop. A job analysis workshop helps each officer and chairman to understand her task and to see the significance of her role in the total work of the society.
2. Urge orientation of each leader by her predecessor. Orientation by a predecessor plus the transfer of her workbook provides a good beginning for an officer or a chairman.
3. Help each leader to realize that "Objectives" in the *Annual Report Book*, the *Leader's Guide*, and the emphases, printed in each spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, are essential reading.
4. Indicate the importance of division and committee meetings. Inasmuch as group thinking is often more creative and productive than individual thinking, these meetings should be scheduled and attended regularly.
5. Urge attendance at state house party, association, and national meetings, where information concerning the latest plans and resources are provided within an atmosphere of fellowship and inspiration.
6. Make plans for study groups, using such texts as *Dynamic Christian Fellowship*, *You Can't Be Human Alone*, and *Learning Together in the Christian Fellowship*. These books will prove invaluable to new leaders and will also help more experienced leaders who may not be acquainted with these materials.
7. Use Evaluation Forms. These evaluations for local, association, and state societies will be helpful tools for analyzing your organization and they will reveal points of greatest need.

Baptist Jubilee Advance Third Year

"A Guide for the Interpretation Chairman" has been printed. It is being made available to our leaders during the month of April. The following suggestions, quoted from the Guide, are intended, as you will observe, for the chairman of Leadership Training:

"Use Group Conversation. Plan with the chairman of Leadership Training of the Woman's Society to use

group conversation for the program at the first meeting of the newly established circles in the fall. Through face-to-face experiences, there will develop a togetherness that will prepare the group to proceed with tasks for the year with greater understanding and co-operation. For suggested topics for group conversation, consult the 'Guide for Leadership Training Conference in Christian Social Relations,' used in the training program for 1959-1960."

The chairman of Leadership Training, as stated in the Guide, "may be of service in helping locate persons who might serve on leader teams for the Church in World Study Groups. Their functions are given in detail in the Manual for Church in World Witness. Consult the Chairman of Leadership Training for help with this, as the need develops in the planning of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee. A coaching conference for leader teams is scheduled for September, 1961, to be held in each association or cluster."

Training at Green Lake

At the National Women's Conference, July 11-18, 1961, Green Lake, Wisconsin, training on the National Council of American Baptist Women's emphasis for 1962-1963, will be given at a workshop each day to the vice-president of Christian Service, chairman of Christian Social Relations, and the chairman of Leadership Training.

Study the conference program folder sent to your vice-president of Christian Training by the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

"Literature Highlights"

Books, with the following titles, should be added to the Society's library and should be read by officers, chairmen, and circle leaders. These books are also recommended for workshops, evaluation, and reviewing. For your convenience, the Key to Ordering¹ is given.

(5) The Meaning of Persons	\$3.75
(5) Understanding Ourselves as Adults	\$2.00
(5) The Creative Years	\$3.50
(5) Dynamic Christian Fellowship	\$1.00
(34) Guide: Christian Dynamics in Face-to-Face Groups	\$0.35
(5) Film: Let's Face it. Script included	\$6.00
(5) How To Work with Church Groups	\$2.50
(34) Guide: Leadership in the Group	\$0.35
(5) You Can Be A Leader	\$0.50
(5) A Training Program for Leaders	\$0.50
(5) Guide: Interpretation Chairman, Baptist Jubilee Advance—Third Year	\$0.20
(5) Guide for Depth Bible Study	\$0.25
(5) Around the World in Group Conversation	\$0.25
(5) The Magic Circle	\$0.35
(32) Film: "Members One of Another" with Script	\$5.50

¹ Key to Ordering:

(5) American Baptist Bookstores.

(32) United Church of Christ, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(33) Department of Leadership Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

Anniversary Issue

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women, former national chairmen of Leadership Training have sent messages for this anniversary issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

Mrs. William Albrecht, chairman of Leadership Training from 1958-1959 to 1959-1960, writes:

"It was my dream that we remember each year the new officers and chairmen who accept responsibilities in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, with helps, encouragement, and training for their office.

"It was also my dream that while doing so, we would not forget the mature leaders, who had worked for many years in the women's work, and who needed additional challenges and interests.

"This I think has been and is still being accomplished through the Depth Bible Study, and through the study and appraisal groups. Depth study of the Bible is a mind stretcher for the novice and also for the more experienced leader. There is ever present in each life and in all types of work a need for evaluation and a renewal of spirit and for a greater outreach.

"My prediction is that each year we will continue to meet these needs with an ever-growing understanding and a greater sense of values, through the exciting and interesting plans being projected."

Mrs. Schuyler Spaulding, chairman of Leadership Training from 1955-1956 to 1957-1958, and chairman of the national committee for Leadership Training Conferences, 1954-1955, writes:

"What a heartening experience the development of leadership training has been! In a few brief years our vague conception as to what the term connoted has clarified and has become a realization of its great potential; not merely the training of an individual, but the creating of a consciousness on the part of the whole group for the necessity of appraising old methods and adopting up-to-date techniques. Most important of all, we have come to understand that the term leadership training implies the importance of group action, with all the strength and combined talents that spells efficiency in humanitarian efforts and develops a deeper spirituality."

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To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: RHODA YOUNG

*National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women
Division of Business and Professional Women*

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 59 Washington Street, Medford, Massachusetts



Emphases for 1961-1962

During the program year 1961-1962, the Division of Business and Professional Women will aim to achieve the universal goals developed during a ten-year period of concentration by this division on meeting the specific needs of employed women. The goals, recommended by Miss Golda Morford, former national vice-president of Business and Professional Women, should be read at least once a year by every local group of employed women and the reading should be followed by an evaluation. These goals are a challenge to every thoughtful business and professional woman.

Universal Goals

To help the employed woman find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women through which she can:

1. Develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally.
2. Serve her church, community, nation, and world.
3. Recognize her opportunity to be a witness in the business, professional, industrial, and academic fields.
4. Build through daily enrichment for a leisure which will be rich, full, vital, and satisfying.

Specific Goals

Local Society. As vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my local society, I shall try to:

1. Encourage every employed woman in my church to take an active interest in the church's program; to carry out the Universal Goals of this division; and to organize groups as necessary.
2. Plan a definite project with Christian purpose and carry it to completion.
3. Follow suggestions in *Leader's Guide*.

Association. As vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my association, I shall try to:

1. Encourage the employed women in every church in my association to carry out the Universal Goals of this division, and to organize groups as necessary.
2. Hold a rally at least once a year for the employed women in my association, and to assist my state vice-president in planning a retreat and conference.
3. Follow suggestions in *Leader's Guide*.

State. As vice-president of Business and Professional Women in my state, I shall try to:

1. Encourage the employed women in every church in my state, through my association counterpart, or directly, to carry out the Universal Goals of this division, and to organize groups as necessary.
2. Hold a retreat or a conference for employed women at least once a year.
3. Follow instructions in *Leader's Guide*.

"Literature Highlights"

For your convenience, titles of books recommended for reading by business and professional women, as listed in "Literature Highlights for 1961-1962, are printed here with the Key to Ordering. Ask your chairman of Literature for the addresses in "Literature Highlights" which correspond to the numbers in parentheses.

(5) Time to Speak Up	\$3.50
(5) Confronting Christ	\$3.00
(24) Christianity and Communism	\$3.50
(5) One Mark of Greatness	\$1.50
(1) Opportunities Plus	Free
(5) Business and Professional Women's Handbook	\$0.50
(16) Employed Women and the Church	\$0.35
(24) The Christian Faith and My Job	\$0.50
(5) A Woman's Guide to Financial Security	\$2.75

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IMPORTANT: Study the folder for the National Women's Conference, sent to your vice-president of Christian Training.

STATEMENTS MADE BY FORMER LEADERS IN RECOGNITION
OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

"Getting Down to Business"

By Mrs. Maurice Hodge and Mrs. Frank Wigginton, the first two chairmen of the Business and Professional Women under the National Committee on Women's Work, prior to the organization of the National Council of American Baptist Women in 1951.

Women around the world are finding new dimensions in all phases of life. The age in which we live is bringing this about, and in turn all history is being influenced by the changing role of women. For Christian women the challenge is great even as it was in the first century when the pagan philosopher, Libanus, wrote, "Heavens, what women you Christians have."

Twenty years ago, when the National Committee on Women's Work set up the program for the business and professional women, we were dimly aware of the increase in the trend of the employment of women. Later this trend was considered to be so significant that the Board of Education of the American Baptist Convention set up a Green Lake Conference for employed women, as part of its adult program.

When the National Council of American Baptist Women was organized in 1951, consideration was given to forming a separate organization of gainfully employed women. However, it was decided instead to include a division of Business and Professional Women within the framework of the National Council of American Baptist Women. In 1954, when the first National Women's Conference was held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, the Board of Education and the women themselves agreed that the Green Lake Conference of Business and Professional Women should be incorporated in the National Women's Conference.

A decade has passed and we are now ready to celebrate our tenth anniversary. During these years the picture has changed to such an extent that we now find in the Woman's Society larger numbers of gainfully employed women than of full-time homemakers. To qualify the statement we could say that more women, who are potentially active in the women's program of the church, are working outside the home. This creates a need for adjustment in the Woman's Society and at the time of this tenth anniversary, American Baptist Women again must take a look at the situation, and get down to business.

American Baptist women are now in a position to make the women's program fit the needs of the day. This was the vision in 1951 which now in 1961 is moving into reality.

"Building on a Good Foundation"

By Miss Constance Shaw, the first national vice-president of Business and Professional Women.

"Dare to Build" was the challenge given by Mrs. James LeGrand, chairman of the nominating committee, to the members of the first board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, following its organization in Buffalo, New York, on June 11, 1951.

In recognition of the needs of the employed women for unique opportunities within the church, an effective foundation had already been laid by Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Mrs. Frank Wigginton, and Dr. Joseph J. Hanson, Director of Adult Work, Baptist Board of Education. To build upon

this foundation was the specific challenge to the Division of Business and Professional Women.

It was my desire to build a program through the church which would offer to business and professional women opportunities for (1) spiritual, intellectual, and cultural enrichment; (2) development of creative ability and leadership; and (3) service to the community, the nation, and the world, which would exceed in value and effectiveness any program offered by secular organizations.

During the past ten years, business and professional women's groups have been organized which offer these worthwhile opportunities to employed women. Special recognition is made of the contribution to the "building" during those pioneering days by Miss Minerva Parker, Battle Creek, Michigan; Miss Louise Farnsworth, Syracuse, New York; the Battle Creek local group; and the Detroit Association Business and Professional Women's Group.

As we gaze into the future and "dare to build" higher and higher, we realize that the challenge is even greater in 1961 than in 1951, due to the increase in the number of church women who have entered gainful employment. Can we offer a sufficiently inspiring program of activity to *all* employed women which will make them realize they need the church group more than they need any secular group, and that the church in its service to humanity needs their talents? With God's guidance and with sufficient daring, we can do it, I believe.

"Expanding Horizons"

By Miss Jennie Willis, the second national vice-president of Business and Professional Women.

One important reason for our existence as a division of Business and Professional Women is our desire, by enlisting the talents and abilities of the employed women, to add strength to the world mission of the American Baptist Convention through the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

To accomplish this end one of my goals was to increase the number of groups of employed women. The success which has been achieved is due almost entirely to the sincere concern and co-operation of the officers of the local Woman's Society.

With the continued understanding of all officers and leaders—state, association, and local—this division will continue to strive to have every employed woman "Working, Worshipping, Witnessing."

"Study to Show Yourself Approved"

By Miss Golda Morford, the third national vice-president of Business and Professional Women.

Our problems have been similar to those of any child born into a family of growing girls. In some families the sisters have welcomed, guided, and encouraged her; in others have merely tolerated her, and in still others have resented her and placed stumbling blocks in her path. No child who is unwanted or merely tolerated can possibly achieve uninhibited maturity. I have hoped and prayed that by demonstrating the tremendous potential of employed women in our denominational work, we would be welcomed as a valued member of the family.

It has also been my hope that increasing numbers of women would study the trends in employment and its effect on their personal lives and on denominational work. By such study they would discover ways to challenge Baptist employed women so that they will enter into increased Christian fellowship and Christian service.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: ELOISE BEYNON (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.)

National Fellowship Guild Counselor

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 365 Kimberly Drive, Rochester, New York



Goal for 1961-1962

Every Fellowship Guild chapter contributing to the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund, thus assuring additional assistance for American Baptist young women in their pursuit of higher education.

Each of you—local, association, or state counselor—can make this goal a reality if you will do your part in the promotion of this project.

The need becomes greater with each passing year as American Baptist girls realize the necessity for higher education. From May, 1960, to March, 1961, receipts total \$420.14. The principal on March 1, 1961, was \$5,193.98, which is an increase of \$689.14 in the past three years. Our ultimate goal of \$10,000 is slowly being reached.

With *your* help, this goal will be reached.

Emphases for 1961-1962

For the Fellowship Guild Counselor

Refer to the *Leader's Guide*, printed in the 1958 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. From this guide select a number of duties to be emphasized by *yourself* and by your *chapter* during 1961-1962.

As we give counsel to the Fellowship Guild chapters, we all should place special emphasis on:

→ I. Assisting the girls to . . .

1. Adopt the "Guild Goals" for 1961-1962.
2. Use the Program Kits for their own age groups.
3. Work on the Program of Degrees.
4. Complete the White Cross quotas and mail them by the date indicated.

→ II. Encouraging the girls to . . .

1. Attend the Green Lake Conference, their state house parties, association or district rallies, state B.Y.F. conventions, and other B.Y.F. activities.
2. Help finance their own program through dues or personal contributions, part of which should go for state and association dues.
3. Accept Love Gift boxes, fill them, and take them regularly to chapter meetings for dedication.
4. Contribute to the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund, giving at least one dollar for each chapter.

5. Participate in all B.Y.F. activities, including Sunday morning and Sunday evening meetings.

6. Take part in the Guild Reading Program.

→ III. Seeing that the chairman of your chapter becomes an active member of the B.Y.F. cabinet for her age group. (Refer to Chapter III, "Guild Guide.")

As we attempt to fulfill the responsibilities of Fellowship Guild Counselors, we all should place personal emphasis on:

→ I. Serving on the . . .

1. Committee on Youth Work on the board of education in your church.
2. Board of managers of the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

→ II. Training and assisting counselors of other chapters in the church.

→ III. Preparing . . .

1. An accurate record of all activities.
2. The local annual report and sending it to the Association Guild Counselor *before* the deadline.
3. White Cross report forms completely filled out as directed when quotas have been mailed.
4. An up-to-date workbook for current use and for the use of our successors.

The Philosophy of the Fellowship Guild

A revised statement on the "Philosophy of the Fellowship Guild" was completed early in 1961.

Because of your activity in the total program of Guild, this statement on the philosophy of the Fellowship Guild will be printed in the 1961 fall issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Fellowship Guild Luncheon

Plan now to attend the Fellowship Guild luncheon on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, in Portland, Oregon.

Those who attend will be among the first to see "Reach for a Rose," the new Guild filmstrip, which will be shown at the luncheon, following the tenth anniversary morning session of the National Council of American Baptist women.

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(7) Guild Goals,* 1961-1962	\$0.05
(5) Ann Judson Program Kit, 1961-1962	\$0.75
(5) Sallie Peck Program Kit, 1961-1962	\$0.75
(5) Requirements for Membership	\$0.05
(5) Degree of Rose; Color; Light	each \$0.05
(5) To Pray Together: The Prayer Partner's Story	\$0.02
(7) Guild Love Gift Boxes,* one for each girl	Free
(4) Information Packet for New Guilds,* one packet	Free
(5) I Gratefully Pledge Myself and Instructions	\$0.02
(5) How and Why—The Fellowship Guild * ..	Free

Green Lake Conference

"Every Person Is Our Mission" is the theme of the Conference for Fellowship Guild girls and counselors at Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961.

The name has been changed from *house party to conference*, in order to describe more clearly the kind of program that is offered to the delegates.

The Reverend and Mrs. Andrew Davison and the Reverend and Mrs. James McCrossen will carry the responsibilities for the Bible hour and the Vesper service.

Additional time will be given to the girls for various interest groups and workshops, as well as ample free time for tours, swimming, and other activities.

On Sunday afternoon and evening we have been invited to join the Women's Conference in the Inn area

¹ Key to Ordering:

(4) American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

(5) American Baptist Bookstores: 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 3, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

(7) Your Baptist State and City Offices.

* Your State Fellowship Guild Counselor has a supply.

for a missionary tea and for the programs.

Won't you make plans now to attend this conference? Publicity and registrations are now available through the Philadelphia office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

Counselors will have the usual conference period together each day. I shall appreciate receiving your requests for topics to be discussed.

Tenth Anniversary

Yes, on the fourteenth of June, 1961, we will observe the tenth anniversary of the National Council of American Baptist Women, in Portland, Oregon. Ten years, as history is recorded, is a short time, but many are the accomplishments of the National Council of American Baptist Women during that short period.

It is now my pleasure to bring you greetings from Mrs. Robert Manogg, the first National Fellowship Guild Counselor. Mrs. Manogg's guiding hand has been felt by countless women who are interested in the young women of our American Baptist Convention. I count it a privilege to have followed in her steps and I appreciate the background she gave me for this office.

Mrs. Robert Manogg, national Fellowship Guild Counselor, 1955-1956 to 1958-1959, writes:

"It was with eager anticipation that I began work as the national Fellowship Guild Counselor in 1955. Since there was much confusion regarding the responsibilities of the Guild leader—local, association, state, and national—to Guild and to the World Outreach of the B.Y.F., this situation was first to receive attention. Guild Counselor was adopted as the title for those working with the girls. Other responsibilities in connection with the B.Y.F. were reassigned.

"The Program Packet became a reality as well as the Program of Degrees. Although several states had a Program of Degrees, a national program was created and adopted. Two of these national Degrees were completed and the third was on its way during my term of office.

"The idea of a prayer tower for the Abbey area at Green Lake was born through the interest of Guild girls at their house party one summer. Subsequently plans for this prayer tower were made, and it is being used now by many who attend conferences in the Abbey area.

"Increasing the principal of the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund by contributions from Guild chapters was another hope that has been realized.

"Supplying bibs for Mounds-Midway Hospitals in St. Paul, Minnesota, was another project which has resulted in hundreds of babies going home with a bib made by a Guild girl.

"Most meaningful of all, however, is the realization of my hope that I could see American Baptist girls develop into Christian young women through the Guild program of Christian Personality Development, the Christian Home, Skills and Vocations, and Missionary World Outreach.

"Thank you, National Council of American Baptist Women, for the opportunity to have had a share in this work."

To the Recording Secretaries

From: LOUISE REAGAN
(Mrs. William L. Reagan)

National Recording Secretary
National Council of American
Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 4140 Rivercrest
Drive, Salem, Oregon



Dear Secretaries:

It's always a privilege to write to you on this page—and it is a real joy to receive a reply!

Mrs. Louis W. Fuller of Trumbull, Connecticut, recently wrote: "It just seemed as if you were writing to me personally, so I wanted to answer it as such." Mrs. Fuller, who is secretary and treasurer of her mission circle, told me about the meetings of her circle and also about their two circles of young married women. She also mentioned that Connecticut, the home state of Mr. Stanton C. Gallup, president of the American Baptist Convention, hopes to make a good showing at the Convention. More power to Connecticut women who will be traveling across the country to Portland, Oregon!

To all secretaries a very special invitation is extended to attend the Secretary's luncheon on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961. Do not delay in making your reservation for the Division luncheon on Woman's Day, June 14, and also for the Women's luncheon on June 17, if you are going to be in Portland for the American Baptist Convention.

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Are You Newly Elected?

Whether you were recently elected or whether you

To the Treasurers

From: EVELYN LLOYD
(Mrs. Clarence R. Lloyd)

National Treasurer

National Council of American
Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 218 Bay Ridge
Ave., Brooklyn 20, New York



An Emphasis—Of Course!

A continuing emphasis for 1961-1962 is the formulation of a budget for every local society.

Now that Model Budgets have been sent to every society the question of "How shall we do it?" is solved. We have the knowledge. Action only is needed!

When the finances of a society are carefully planned to implement a society's program, the consummation of that program is more likely to produce a satisfactory result.

One goal toward which all societies may aim is the inclusion in the budget of an item which will afford opportunities for leadership training of its officers and chairmen.

"Literature Highlights"

All treasurers should have a copy of the following items. Order (5) from Baptist bookstores; (1) from National Council of American Baptist Women.

- (5) Stewardship for Today's Woman \$1.75
- (1) Model Budgets for State, Association, and
Local Societieseach \$0.05
- (1) What About Fairs and Festivals? Per 100 \$1.00

Woman's Day

If you are planning to be in Portland, Oregon, for the tenth annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, June 14, 1961, be sure to obtain a ticket for the luncheon for Treasurers through your Society's President or mail your order with check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mrs. J. M. Hammerly, 5033 N.E. 14th Place, Portland 11, Oregon. *Deadline for ordering tickets: May 31, 1961.*

Better Budgeting—More Scholarships

The National Women's Conference, held every summer at Green Lake, Wisconsin, is an important, carefully planned conference, designed to develop the leadership of American Baptist women, and to contribute toward spiritual enrichment through the workshops stressing devotional, worship and study methods, as well as Bible study and worship services.

To spread the benefits of the National Women's Conference over the widest possible area, its program must be shared by the largest possible number of women who can return to their local societies or associations with new ideas for programs, additional knowledge regarding methods and techniques, and a broadened outlook concerning the denomination's world mission.

(Continuation of Treasurer's Column)

The effectiveness of the contribution made by American Baptist women through their Woman's Society—local, association, and state—to the American Baptist world mission will increase as more and more leaders are given the opportunity to attend the National Women's Conference.

Provision in the budget of the Woman's Society for the president—or another officer or chairman—to attend the National Women's Conference is praiseworthy. If the budget can cover all of the expenses—excellent! If not, possibly train, plane, or bus fare could be met.

Every effort should be made by every Woman's Society to (1) send at least one person each year to the National Women's Conference, or (2) to send the president at least once during her term of office.

The program folder for the National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 8-15, 1961, has been sent to all state treasurers and association treasurers. Local treasurers should ask to see the copy sent to the local vice-president of Christian Training through the state and association vice-presidents of Christian Training.

The Local Society's Budget

Occasionally the proposal has been made that the local Woman's Society operate as a unit within the unified budget of the church. Opinions, emerging from several discussions by boards and committees to this proposal, indicate that many societies feel that they should not lose the stimulus of financing their own budget. However since inquiries have been received regarding the procedure to be followed when the budget for the Woman's Societies is included in the unified budget of the church, the following statement is made for the local Woman's Society which is financed through the church's unified budget:

1. The Finance or Budget Committee of the Woman's Society should prepare a budget that must be adequate to cover all expenses of the Woman's Society for the fiscal year.

2. The Woman's Society's Finance or Budget Committee should then present their proposed budget to the Finance Committee of the church for consideration and inclusion in the Unified Budget of the church.

3. This proposed budget for the Woman's Society should be adequately interpreted to the Finance Committee of the church, as many such committees are not informed as to the over-all program of women's work.

Once a local Woman's Society commits itself to receive the finances for its budget through its church's Unified Budget, the women of the Society are expected to refrain from collecting dues from individuals or circles, or to receive offerings for their expenses in missionary work, or their promotional program, and are definitely expected to channel all of their contributions into the Unified Budget of the church through increased personal giving in their weekly church envelopes.

The only offering which the local society may receive directly is the LOVE GIFT offering which is an over-and-above gift and is not a budgeted item.

(Continuation of Recording Secretary's Column)

are continuing as the secretary of your Woman's Society, check the emphases for 1960-1961 and prepare to meet the challenge of 1961-1962.

During 1960-1961 did you:

1. Become familiar with rules of parliamentary procedure? Robert's Rules of Order is our basic guide.

2. Attend a workshop for secretaries? I hope you had an opportunity to attend either a local, association, state, or national workshop.

Emphasis for 1961-1962

For Recording Secretaries

1. Aim for brevity and clarity in writing up the minutes of a meeting. One of the more difficult tasks of the secretary is to condense reports of officers and chairmen for the minutes, retaining, of course, the important information. It is equally necessary to be brief in recording business transacted. Only the *action* is recorded: *what is done, not what is said*. Avoid adding descriptive phrases or your own opinion of the speaker, program or luncheon!

2. Serve as an aide to the president. Make a special effort to assist the president in every way possible: for example, furnish her with a copy of the minutes; call her attention to unfinished business, have a copy of the constitution at hand. You will think of many other ways to make the president's job of presiding a pleasant and efficient one. This is one of the duties of the secretary in which we are interested and which we are glad to meet.

"Literature Highlights"

For your information and convenience, titles of the books and pamphlets recommended in the secretary's section of "Literature Highlights" for 1961-1962 are printed here with the Key to Ordering.¹

(30) Simplified Parliamentary Procedure \$0.05

This pamphlet gives the duties of the secretary and other officers, order of business, and simple parliamentary procedure.

(5) Robert's Rules of Order \$2.70

(5) The Complete Book for Clubwomen \$3.75

(5) The Secretary's Handbook \$4.95

WOMAN'S DAY POSTER

Is the poster for Woman's Day, June 14, 1961, giving a lift to your bulletin board? The poster sent to your society through the state and association chairmen of Publicity is new! It is different! It is special!

¹ Key to Ordering:

(30) Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund, Inc., 5225 Sycamore Avenue, New York 71, New York.

(5) American Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Missouri; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Washington.

From: FAITH BAILEY (Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)

National Chairman of Publicity

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 818 Spruce Avenue, West Chester, Pennsylvania



Dear Hard-Worker:

Emphases are not something extra tacked on, making an impossible job just that much more impossible.

No, indeed! Emphases can be and should be the integrating force by which you unify all your bright ideas and your paperwork.

So, for the program year, 1961-1962, here are four practical suggestions.

→ **Emphasis 1:** Work as closely as possible with the president and the chairman of Program. Aim for a greater understanding on their part for the need of publicity, what it is and how it is achieved.

Realize with confidence that you are a specialist. By working closely with the president and the chairman of Program, you will try to help them understand that publicity isn't worth anything at all if what is being publicized is a dud. (Of course, you'll be tactful.) Publicity on what is obviously a run-of-the-mill meeting is not going to merit headlines nor will it produce a larger number of people at the meetings. Try to help your president and chairman of Program to realize that news must be news in order for anybody to get excited and go into action.

→ **Emphasis 2.** Relate your job in your own mind and in actuality to the third-year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance—"Witness to the Community."

Perhaps no one is quite as naturally involved in this year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance as you already are, since you are one of the chief communicators for your church. Let this add bigness to your job and to your own spirit and motivation.

The third year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance talks much about taking the church into the world. Every word that you put into your local newspapers is doing just this. So pledge yourself this year to write much and write with a witness in mind.

→ **Emphasis 3.** Concentrate on publicity for the circles in your church.

Add to your job the task of publicizing circle meetings to your own constituency (internal publicity). Experiment with skits, flyers, posters, taped "radio" commercials played at group meetings. Gather news about the circles and run it in your church newsletter or calendar.

Try to work as closely as possible with circle leaders in this enterprise because emphasis number one applies here also!

→ **Emphasis 4.** This is a personal goal, just for you. Search and learn to understand your motivations for accepting this job for your Woman's Baptist Mission Society. Relate your motivation to your understanding of the Christian life. Then try to deepen both—your own understanding of the forces that have taken you into the area of volunteer church work, and also of the real meaning of the Christian life.

"Literature Highlights"

For your information and convenience, titles of the books and pamphlets recommended in the chairman of Publicity's section of "Literature Highlights" for 1961-1962 are printed here with the Key to Ordering. Ask your chairman of Literature for the addresses in "Literature Highlights" which correspond to the numbers in parentheses.

(5) Public Relations for Churches	\$3.50
(17) So You've Been Elected Publicity Chairman .	Free
(5) Is Your Publicity Showing	\$3.50
(27) Planning Your Exhibit	\$1.25
(26) Hints on Better Letters	\$0.25
(5) Public Speaking: As Listeners Like It!	\$1.95
(29) How to Plan and Publish a Mimeographed Newsletter	Free
(33) A Wonderful World for Children	\$0.35

Portland, Oregon

Meet me at the Publicity Luncheon, June 14, 1961, Woman's Day, Portland, Oregon.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

**National Council of American Baptist Women
Portland, Oregon**

DIVISION LUNCHEONS.....June 14, 1961, 12:00 o'clock,
price, including gratuity, **\$2.25**

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON.....June 17, 1961, 12:30 o'clock,
price, including gratuity, **\$2.50**

Secure tickets through your Society's President or mail your order with check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Mrs. J. M. Hammerly, 5033 N.E. 14th Place, Portland 11, Oregon. **Deadline for ordering tickets: May 31, 1961.**

Children under 12 years of age will be taken care of at the auditorium on Woman's Day, June 14, 1961. Please register your child, giving name, age, and grade at school, when ordering tickets for your Division luncheon. Take a box lunch for each child. Milk will be provided.

